

Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish

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**ONE PARISH
three churches**

Sacred Heart
50 Fairway Drive,
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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
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Marylou Ayres
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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
Phone: 5564 5910
Director: Michelle Nelson

St Michael's College
Merrimac
Phone: 5530 2722

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR C

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

MINISTRY TO NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

St. Vincent's Care Services at Arundel was officially opened and blessed on Friday at 11:00am. I conducted the ceremony as Dean of South Coast Deanery. The experience was a special one as I myself have aged parents in a nursing facility in Brisbane. This particular aspect has strengthened my awareness of the role these facilities play in the community.

Long before Mum & Dad entered their place of care I had some idea of what to expect. Many catholic residents have been visited over the years and I have anointed literally hundreds of people in their old age and frailty.

I must say that overwhelmingly my experience has been a positive one. Yes there are cases where residents have not been cared for as well as they should have been. Instances like that are well documented but on balance I have found that "carers" and nursing staff are **angels in disguise**. I have met lots of genuinely caring and loving staff.

In fact in my view **the elderly deserve the very best a community can offer**. A country should be judged by the way it cares for the most vulnerable. Old age places people in the most vulnerable category.

The Catholic Church of course has many care services under its name and has helped facilitate the highest level of care. I am sure the new St Vincent's Care Service at Arundel **will live up to its mission of the healing ministry of Jesus especially to those people who are poor and vulnerable**.

I mention all of this as a preamble to simply **bring to your attention our commitment as a Parish to reach out to catholic residents in the nursing homes we visit**. St Vincent's Care Services at Arundel is not one of them but is spiritually cared for by another parish here on the Gold Coast.

For our part, **this parish needs more parishioners to become involved in our caring ministry**. We need people who are available to take Holy Communion in particular to residents. **Can you help?**

The Parish already has a strong team who regularly visit our nursing homes but **we need to make this team even stronger**. The Parish is asking for at least **10 new people who can commit to this ministry**. We will train and prepare suitable volunteers. The expectation would be a commitment to a monthly visit to a nursing home.

This is such an important area of outreach as I have already mentioned. We need to ensure that the most vulnerable, the elderly, know our concern by being present to them in the way I am describing here.

Please consider this ministry for yourself and do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office if you can assist. It is an essential ministry and one that our Parish is committed to .

Again, can you help ?

God's abundant blessings, Fr Tim



28th SUN IN ORD TIME YR C:

READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17;

2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19

FEASTS: Sat 15th St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor

NEXT WEEK: 29th Sun:

Ex 17:8-13 2 Tim 3:14-4.24;

Luke 18: 1-8

REFLECTION: In the first reading Naaman the Syrian remembers to thank Elisha for his cure and in the Gospel one of the 10 lepers, a Samaritan, cured by Jesus remembers to thank his healer. Both are foreigners/outside. God's saving mercy excludes no one. His generosity is ungrudging and is showered upon both the grateful and the ungrateful.

In the reading Paul asks Timothy (and us) to remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. Recalling Jesus' death and resurrection fills us with gratitude, heals and strengthens us to face any adversity, difficulty and suffering, thus making us people of gratitude.

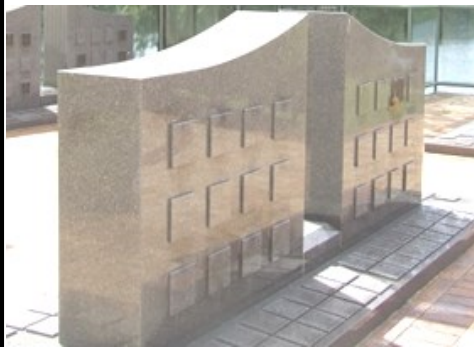
Gratitude is much more than saying "Thank you". It is a way to experience the world, to perceive and to be surprised. Grateful people have the courage to thank and to see the gifts and experiences of this world all together as a gift from God. Grateful hearts are the hallmark of authentic Christians. Those who possess the virtue of gratitude are truly rich.

Let's remember that Christian people are bound together in gratitude through God's gracious mercy in Jesus Christ. We celebrate, in thanksgiving, the offering of the Eucharistic sacrifice which is an offering of ourselves in union with Jesus.

PRAYER: *The Lord is my strength and my shield: my heart trusts in him and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy and with my song I praise him. (Ps 28:7)*

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Madeline Muller of Emerald Lakes for the week of **Monday 11th October 2016**. Please phone Maxine or Pat Sela on **5539 9539** and invite Our Lady to your home for a week.

Sacred Heart Columbarium



The new columbarium is complete so it is now time for those who have reserved a niche to come in and finalise the balance. Please phone the Parish Office to arrange an appointment. There are approximately only one third of the niches left so if you have been thinking of reserving one please call me to make an appointment/enquiry on 5572 5433. **Sonya Slater, Parish Manager**

Adult Faith Course 'Catholicism – A Journey in Faith' Mon 10th Oct

This week is wonderful series will focus on **Prayer and the Life of the Spirit**. All are welcome to attend and be informed and affirmed about the Church's living tradition. Gold coin donation requested for morning tea. Parish Hospitality Centre **9.30-11am**.

The monthly meeting of the **Gold Coast Lay Carmelites** will be held on Sunday 16th of October at the Parish Hospitality Centre, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters at 10.30am. The theme of our meeting will be: *'The Secret of the Rosary*. All 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 to RSVP.

SEMINAR WITH DR KEVIN TRESTON, author of *Come and See. Spirituality for Everyday Living*, Friday 14 October 9.30-12.30 at Old Dairy Hall, Currumbin Ecovillage. Cost \$10 includes morning tea. Focus on the life journey with its ebbs and flows; oneness with creation – what does it really mean to live within the web of life?

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 Venire



13th – Veniré at Surfers

14th – Veniré at Tugun

16th – Ignite Live, ACU Brisbane

CHOOSE LIFE : Cherish Life Gold Coast Event: International Guest Speaker - Kay Painter Author of From Sin and Sorrow to Service. Kay knows from personal experience the downward spiral into depression and self-hatred that many post-abortive women suffer. Kay speaks on her healing abortion ministry. Time: Friday 21 October 6:30pm – 8:30pm at Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters. Cost will be \$10 with a light meal included.

Please RSVP to Fiona: h 07 5578 1513 m 0457 781 513



ATRIUM – CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

As a parishioner in this Parish (since 1973), I have enjoyed work in many ministries – Reading the Word, co-ordinating Playgroup, Prayer Groups, Adoration Co-ordinator, Sacramental preparation, Marriage Co-ordinator - and my three children have all been active in Parish ministry – Altar Servers, Music Ministry, WYD Cologne, Sydney and Poland, NET Ministries, leadership in Venire. In 2012 I was invited to attend formation for CGS and subsequently asked to set up and direct the Atrium. Whilst this time has been filled with many trials, tireless effort without fanfare, and increased expectations and demands, the rewards have come from witnessing the many wonderful children and families who I have been privileged to work with. In a time where children are so vulnerable, the work of the Atrium is a shining light – a place where children come to just be with God and develop their own, special relationship with Him. I would love to share this work with others through formation. Please pray for God’s Grace to sustain me and this gentle, contemplative work in our Parish.

Blessings, Angela Williams -

atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

The Year of Mercy ends on Sunday 20 November.

The Holy Door at Sacred Heart, Clear Island Waters will remain open till then, 8am to 5pm daily.

When Pope Francis threw open the Door of Mercy signifying the start of the Year of Mercy on 8 December, 2015, he said, “How much wrong we do to God and his grace when we speak of sins being punished by his judgement before we speak of their being forgiven by his mercy.”

I encourage you to take advantage of the Holy Door. Walk through the Holy Door into the embrace of God and then go out to be mercy ‘as we forgive others’. It is God’s gift to the world.

By walking through the Holy Door you can receive ‘special graces’ for your soul or the soul of one of the faithful departed if you fulfil the following conditions; celebrating the sacrament of Penance and receive the Holy Eucharist within an appropriate time frame; make a profession of faith (Creed); pray for the intentions of the Pope (Our Father, Hail Mary).

“It is by grace that you are saved, through faith, not by anything of your own, but by pure gift from God, and not by anything you have achieved. Nobody can claim the credit. You are God’s work of art.” (Eph 2:8) Blessings, Helen

Reconciliation times at Sacred Heart Church are Fridays 10-11am, Saturdays 5-5.45pm.

Celebration of **Fatima Day** on Thursday 13th October at Marian Valley. Bus will leave Sacred Heart Church at 815am. Ph Viviane 55359623 to book seat .

LIBRARY NEWS: October is a special month for **Marian devotions**. Check out the display about Praying the Rosary. It is a familiar prayer—yet modern writers are reflecting on it as “**A Western Way of Meditation**”, as “**Praying by Hand**” and revealing, “**Mary in the Christian Tradition**”. St John Paul 11 wrote a letter “**Rosarium Virginis Mariae**” about the Rosary and “**Rosary Psalms**” can illumine your prayer within this devotion. Lady, pray for us!

GOLD COAST TEAMS FOR MARRIED SPIRITUALITY – RETREAT

October 14-16, Marian Valley, Cost \$35per person couple cabin accommodation. All married couples are invited. The retreat will be led by Dr Maeve Louise Heaney, theology lecturer at ACU and Verbum Dei Missionary. Sue & Bren Milsom **0409 718 139**.



Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Workshop

Tuesday 18th October 2016

Parish Hospitality Centre

6.30pm—9.30pm

Presented by **Troy Tornabene**

Safeguarding Officer and Training Archdiocese of Brisbane

Are you a volunteer in the parish who did not attend this workshop in 2015? It is important that you register your attendance at the parish office 5572 5433 by Monday 17th October, 2016.

Care and Concern * Home Communion/Nursing Homes/ Hospital ministries * All Sacramental and Liturgical Ministries * Children Liturgy of the Word *Atrium *Youth *Parish Mission Team *Finance Council * Choir and Music Ministries.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Keeping faith with you - Inside this week’s edition Pope Francis says there is a global war on marriage and the family, calls on families and couples to stay strong. Final Royal Commission hearing to look at why abuse happened in the Church
105 year old Brisbane woman still full of faith and life.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY IN THE PARK.

A MULTICULTURAL ROSARY WILL BE HELD IN THE PARADISE POINT PARKLAND ON SATURDAY 15TH OF OCTOBER AT 11AM

PLEASE COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY AUSTRALIA.

THE ROSARY AND PRAYERS WILL BE LED BY FATHER JOHN.

ALL WELCOME. PLEASE BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ALSO YOUR OWN CHAIR AND UMBRELLA.



COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ 7.30 to 3.30pm

Monday to Friday. Catering Options are available for your function.

Phone Lauren on **0435 721 258**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
10th October	11th October	12th October	13th October	14th October	15th October
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00am SACRED HEART	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9.00am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART Reconciliations 10am—11.00am	RECONCILIATIONS 4.15pm Stella Maris 5.00pm Sacred Heart 5.15pm St Vincent's
SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday 5.00pm and Sunday 7.00am and 8.30am Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 9.00am and 6.00pm Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 8.00am and 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**

RECENTLY DECEASED: Christine O'Leary, Lawrence Murphy, Diana Tam, Sheila Reid, Noreen Carmel O'Connor, Kenneth Tate, Helen Barcha, Bill Pearce (Singleton) Mary Edstein, Malcolm Henricus, Franz Mrak, Lester Tracey, David Fioravanti, John Edward Baldwin Rene Henson, Conceicao Nunes.
ANNIVERSARIES: Louie Kazzi, Tony Milicevic, Thelma Muggleton, Harold Alexander, Bill Carroll, Bea Hughes, Theresa Hooworth, Gwen Hoare, Yvonne Martin, Nicholas Prajdic, Frank Dranginis, Marie Olive Brown, Claro Bayrante, Muriel Rasey, Frank Alcock, Leo Brennan.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Gerald Henderson, Evelyn, Ahoi Hong, Jackie Hatfield (Wollongong), Tony Bui, Karen Gard, Elisa Guzzo, Bernadette Lewis (Capetown), Daniel Farrugia, Sean Weldon, Oscar Miranda, Samir Moussa, Raymond Ayoub, Sammy Ayoub, John Traynor (UK), Milad Moujaber, Werner Empen, Shirley O'Brien, Sr Mary Mullins, Patricia Sulzberger, Judy West, Michelle Coyle, Sharon Murphy (Syd), Colleen O'Shannassy (Colac, Victoria), Fr John Milliken PP of Stanmore, Fadoul Kazzi, Pat Burton, Andreas Lunandi, Ian Finlayson, Gus Reeves, Annette Anning,

Monica Bailey, 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.

Have you thought about leaving a legacy?
 For further information call the parish office 5572 5433.

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 23rd October**

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.