



# SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## **Sacred Heart**

50 Fairway Drive,  
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## **St Vincent's**

40 Hamilton Avenue,  
Surfers Paradise

## **Stella Maris**

254 Hedges Avenue,  
Broadbeach

### **PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr Peter Dillon  
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#### **St Vincent's School**

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## **SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year C** **16th / 17th February 2019**

### **The Guts of the Matter** (What is core and what is peripheral)

Some of us are old enough to remember over 50 years ago the "Honest to God" debate sparked off by a book of that name by the Anglican Bishop John Robinson. Among many issues raised in that book, one was to do with the bodily resurrection of Jesus.

St. Paul, today in Corinthians, clearly states that "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain". Of course this still leaves many questions unanswered such as just what is a resurrected body - but the core belief is there. I believe in the resurrection of the body which is a part of our creed.

It is clear to me that some things are very central to our faith. These are beliefs that are summed up in the Lord's prayer, the Sermon on the Mount and in the basic kerygma such as we heard last Sunday. This kerygma Paul explained as the truth that Jesus died for us, was buried, was raised to life and was then seen by many. Foundational Saints like Peter and Paul died for that belief and all that it meant.

At times I think that Catholics can appear to many outsiders to move a long way, through their various devotions, from this core belief. This can be very daunting for new converts or people questing for the truth.

The gospel today about the beatitudes proclaimed in the Lucan form is a core Christian belief. Blessed are the poor and the hungry, those who mourn and who suffer hate and insult and exclusion because of the Son of Man. We usually hear the beatitudes in Matthew's version which is somewhat softened. In Matthew it is the "poor in spirit" who are blest. Of course, as with all scripture, the truth is in the whole and not in the parts. But in the mind of the evangelist Luke - he certainly has the physically and materially poor in mind.

Mahatma Gandhi was intrigued with Christianity and wanted to learn more about it. He had studied the Sermon on the Mount and especially the beatitudes. It is reported that when as a Hindu he fronted up to a Church in Calcutta, he was told by the ushers that he wasn't welcome there because it was a Church for high caste Indians and whites in that Church. He is then reported to have said that "if it weren't for Christians I would be a Christian".

In Australia we understand drought: the parched land and the dying stock. Today the reading from Jeremiah and the following psalm tells us to trust totally in God and God's goodness, and to beware of trusting in the same way in human beings. Misplaced trust will inevitably leave one very disenchanting.

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD... He is like a tree planted beside the waters...it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green.*

Let us be firm in our adherence to core beliefs: that Jesus died for us and was resurrected for us. We are adopted sons and daughters of the one he called Abba (father). Jesus is our brother and this gives us the birth-right to be citizens of heaven. This is cause for great rejoicing and for continuing refreshment.

**Fr Warren Kinne**

**READINGS THIS WEEK:** Jeremiah 17: 5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 - 20; Luke 6: 17, 20-26.

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:** 1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 15: 45-49; Luke 6: 27-38.

**FEAST DAYS:** Fri 22nd Feb: The Chair of St Peter, Apostle; Sat 23rd Feb: St Polycarp, bishop, martyr.

### ATRIUM NEWS: CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:



We, Catechists and Children, are very pleased to be back in the Atrium this week! It's been wonderful to see many familiar faces and we warmly welcome all our new children and families.

In the first week, we prepared **the Enthronement of the Bible**, where each child was given an item to carry in procession to the prayer table and the importance of the Holy Bible was highlighted.

Enthroning the Bible can be done in your home. Find a place where your Bible can be accessible to every member of the family.

Come and bring your children for a 'look and see'; the first session for new children is free.

**An after school session (for 6 to 9 years – level 2) runs from 03:30pm to 5:00pm on Monday. (Children can arrive after school if convenient.**

**Friday sessions will run from 9:30am to 11:00am (for 3 to 6 years – level 1) when there are sufficient enrolments.**

To enrol your child, or for further information regarding adult formation, please email [atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au) or at the Parish on 5572 5433.

**We need volunteers to help us with the catechesis – if you are interested please contact the Parish office.**

**LIBRARY NEWS:** NEW! "The Way of Simplicity" which presents **The Cistercian Tradition** for modern readers. The book examines the foundation texts of writers such as Bernard of Clairvaux, then takes us to modern guides such as Thomas Merton who writes within this spirituality.

A great Australian writer is the monk **Michael Casey**, called 'our present-day Merton'. In his book "Grace" he shows how grace can be found in our contemporary issues such as discontinuity, in desire and in temptations. This is a book for those on that important 'Journey to God'.

Don't forget to check out our display — **Finding Your Spiritual Guide** - who knows what awaits you!

**BOOK CLUB:** Members are reminded of our meeting on **Tuesday 19th February**. We will be immersed in the double mystery of "Magpie Murders"!

**BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet at **12noon** for lunch at Burleigh Bears Leagues Club, on **Thursday 28th February**. All Welcome.

### PLENARY COUNCIL - LAST DAYS TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

**What Do You Think God Is Asking Of Us In Australia?** In October 2020 the Catholic Church is gathering to make plans and decisions for the future. Your voice is needed to help create the agenda. What are your experiences of God in your life, your faith and the Church?

Visit [www.share-the-story.com](http://www.share-the-story.com) for more information and to share your story.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Will be held on the **7th March at 10.30am** at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 73 Salerno Street Isle of Capri. We will be praying for the community of Slovenia.

**'Come - Everything Is Ready'.** Everyone Welcome.

### SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES FRIENDSHIP DAY

**10am to 1.00pm**

**Thursday 21st February** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters  
Usual Fun and Cards of your choice

**\$5 entrance, Raffle and Lucky Door Prizes**

**\$10 Membership for 2019 now due. Payments can be dropped at the Parish Office in an envelope.**

**Members please bring a plate to share.**

**All Welcome**

**Contact Maxine Sela 55 399 539 for more information**

**THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES OF ST IGNATIUS** - Are you looking for further spiritual growth in 2019? This program will be offered at the Faber Centre, Brisbane, from February to November 2019. Information morning **10am, 16 Feb 2019**. Please contact Sharyn on **3368 2450** for details.

**DATE CLAIMER: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February** Retreat Day and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, at St Thomas' Church, Stephen St, Camp Hill, Bne, **commencing with Mass at 11am**. Info Paul 0417 104 460.

**IGNITE YOUTH:** Dinner / Festival / Rally **6.30-9.30pm Friday**



**22<sup>nd</sup> February** at Somerville House, **17 Graham Street, South Brisbane.**

Connect with teenagers across the Archdiocese for worship and extraordinary encounters. For more details: [www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive](http://www.igniteyouth.com/fridaynightlive) or **3217 5199** or facebook.com/igyouth.

**A VOCATION VIEW: Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Yr C**

Try not to pray for an easy life; rather, pray to be a strong person. Strong in trust, hope, care, love. Follow the Master.

**menALIVE Scripture Journaling Group**

gatherings [christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au](mailto:christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au)  
or mobile **0412 270 828**

**NOURISHING SPIRITUALITY:** A contemplative prayer day drawing on psalms, poetry, art and music, linking wonder and creation will take place on **Saturday 16th March, 9.30am-3.00pm** at Mary Mother of Mercy Community Centre, 3 Sunlight Drive, Burleigh Waters. Facilitator: Judith Keller.

For registrations **contact Judith Keller 0448188937**. Morning tea is provided. Please BYO lunch. Suggested donation \$20 or what you can afford to cover the cost of resources.

**ART AND CRAFT NEWS:** Our group is looking forward to a great 2019. We are hoping to welcome new members to our four groups: **Rosary Bead making; Knitting; Sewing and Art using water-colours and oils**, and for many other activities still in the planning stage e.g. **Easter Raffle and Stalls**.

We look forward to meeting you at the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters on **Wednesday mornings from 8.30am to 12.30pm**.

#### ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY PREP ENROLMENTS

Prep enrolment applications are now being accepted. Any existing or new family who has a child ready for Prep in 2020 should ensure the enrolment form is submitted by the end of February. We will be contacting families in the coming weeks.



**MEET NEW FRIENDS** In a safe environment. Mark Wilson, Judge from Channel 7's Dancing With The Stars, has easy **Learn to Dance** classes at the Surfers Paradise Golf Club, every Tuesday evening from **6:30pm to 9:30pm**. Bring along your Church Newsletter to enter your first class for free. Or, you can chat to Mark on Sunday morning at the 9:00am Mass.

**Co.As.It. COMMUNITY SERVICES** 34 Thomas Drive, Chevron Island will host free computer and technology classes for people over 65yo **starting on the 22nd February**. Classes will take place at the Gold Coast office on **Fridays from 3:00pm to 4:30pm** on an ongoing basis. Please **phone 1800 262 748** to book your place.



**QUEENSLAND CHOIR:** Anyone interested in enjoying the benefits of singing in a choir can contact the Queensland Choir to audition to join them for their **2019 season**. Full details of the season and how you can audition can be found on the Choir website [www.qldchoir.com](http://www.qldchoir.com) or emailing [enquiries@qldchoir.com](mailto:enquiries@qldchoir.com) or by phoning **3895 8188**.

**POSITIONS VACANT:** Applications are open for a position of **Youth Ministry Coordinator** at the **Rochedale Parish, 955 Rochedale Road**. This position is for 2 years for 10 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close – **15th March 2019**.

**MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR:** Applications are open for a position at the St Stephens Cathedral. A person with excellent administration and organisational skills is required for a casual position of Music Administrator.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. **Closing date 22nd February 2019**.

#### THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00

- ◆ Leading ecologist warns extreme weather linked to climate change could dramatically shift the way Australians live and work.
- ◆ Townsville facing a \$1 billion repair bill after monsoonal floods!

**ARCHDIOCESAN FLOOD RELIEF APPEAL FOR TOWNSVILLE:** Please support flood-affected families in North Queensland. The flood that is devastating North Queensland is affecting the lives of many families in the Diocese of Townsville. You can make a tax-deductible gift online or by calling the Catholic Foundation on **3324 3200**. Your donation will be designated to individuals and families in hardship situations whose homes and businesses have been affected by the floods.

URL: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/how-we-help/flood-relief-appeal/>

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Angelina Mandarino, Ann Therese Smith, Mary Perham, Dr Charles Roe, David Parsons, Glenis Gaffney, Joe Peter, Charles Roe, Yvonne Sela (London), Anna Marinic, Jeffrey Batten, Ivan Michael Clark, Raelene Tankard.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Barry Arderne, Margaret Mary (Peg) Perkins, Mark Connell, Norm Mullens, Milan Piglich, George McLeod, Shelly Conway, Fr Bryan Lee, Veronica Bond, Len Heffernan, Colman & Mollie O'Byrne, Bernie Tathem, Mary Schreiber.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Denise Raleigh, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Robert Reed, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Rosa Michael, Catherine Palin-Brinkworth, Hannah McFarlain, Zvonko Magazin, Bernie Seeto, Terry King, Kurt & Betty-Anne Hillesheim, Brian McGettigan, Joanne Mooney, Michelle MacDonald, Julianne Conway, John Stowers, Frank Lyons (Syd), Clive Wright, Gareth Aucock, Gus Reeves, Maria Trosic, Paul Kiely, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Mark Miller, John & Molly Robinson, Brian Pinard, Claire Keefe, Yvonne Lofthouse, Eileen McCarthy, Mary Kerr.

**We ask that you review all names on our Sick List and advise us if we can remove any names. This list will be reduced by half on a monthly basis. If you wish to remain on the list please advise the Parish Office.**

## PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18TH FEBRUARY 7.00am ST VINCENT'S	19TH FEBRUARY 9.00am SACRED HEART Next Anointing Mass 10am 5th March.	20TH FEBRUARY 9.00am STELLA MARIS	21ST FEBRUARY 9.00am STELLA MARIS	22ND FEBRUARY 7.00am ST VINCENT'S SACRED HEART 9:00am	23RD FEBRUARY RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS.
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART CHURCH ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm Saturday Evening 6.00pm	AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am	

### FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

#### MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

**Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church**

Inquiries please phone - 3252 2200

**Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church**

Fr Angelo Cagna CS 0423 648 736

Pastoral Support and General Information - Connie 5575 8882

**Filipino: Next Mass, 3rd March 2019, 12noon at Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport.** Will continue at Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233

**Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church**

Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

**Maronite Rite: Saturday 7:15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994**

St Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

**ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm** in the Parish Hospitality Centre (PHC)

**BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday 19th February @ 12 noon.**

**BRIDGE: Monday 12 noon & Wednesday 1pm PHC**

**CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church**

**FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 21st February 2019**

**SPCL: Next 5th March 2019**

**SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall** with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$7 per session.

**YOGA: Each Tues 10:45am \$10/Per Session.**

**divinaQ YOGA: Thursdays 6am PHC Mob 0435 721 258**

**ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall.** Beginners and Intermediate. Susana Mobile: 0421 607 397 \$12 session.

**Baptisms:** Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

**Marriages:** (Min 6mths notice required) Phone 5572 5433

**Benediction:** 1st Friday 7:30am St Vincent's Church

**St Vincent de Paul: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12**

**Care & Concern: Transport to Medical Apts: 0474 211 908**

**Children's Liturgy: Sacred Heart 9am Mass Next Sunday 17/2** then Fortnightly thereafter.

**Christian Meditation: Tuesdays 10am** (Parish Office Prayer Rm) & 6pm (Youth Room) Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

**Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life:**

Please phone Butch 0424 583 169 or Mini 0424 583 168

**Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC** Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 17 February 2019.**

**Exposition:**

St Vincent's Church: **Monday & Friday 6am; Thursday 9:00am**

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:00am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;

**1st Friday 7pm 1st March to 7am Sat 2nd March.**

**menALIVE Scripture Journaling Groups: Monday 7-8am or Thursday 7-9am.** Contact Chris Kennedy (M) 0412 270 828 or [christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au](mailto:christopher.kennedy@menalive.org.au)

**Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am and**

Mondays & Fridays 6:25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass

**Veniré Youth Mass: Sunday 6pm on 24th February 2019**

#### CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PH: \_\_\_\_\_ 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 55 725 433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**