



# SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## **St Vincent's**

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## **Stella Maris**

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## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr Peter Dillon

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Fr Paul Kelly

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## **27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 5th / 6th OCTOBER 2019**

### **A GEM WORTH SHARING**

One of the downsides of getting older (and there are many) is realising you know so many truths about life but they come so thick and fast that you don't have the time or energy to sit down and reflect upon them. I believe if we were able to sort and file these valuable learnings we might, at best, pass them on to the young ones or at worst, not keep repeating the same mistakes ourselves.

Every so often I happen upon an article or piece of writing that resonates so strongly with me that I am rather envious that I didn't come up with the idea in the first place. It is a message so simple, yet so wise; so profound, yet so witty. Such a piece flew out to me from the book I am presently reading called: *The Road to Little Dribbling* by travel writer Bill Bryson. It summed up for me something I have known for ages, but couldn't find the words to express. So if you will accept it, I offer you the following gift. It might seem odd to put this piece on the front of the parish newsletter that is normally reserved for enlightening and profound topics, but the real purpose of the front cover is to deliver a message and I thought this message was worth delivering, even if it doesn't mention Jesus. It brought me such joy, I had to share it.

*One of the great pleasures of dotage is the realization that you have pretty much everything you will ever need. Apart from a few perishable essentials like light bulbs, batteries and food, I require almost nothing. I don't need any more furniture, books, decorative bowls, lap rugs, cushions with messages expressing my feelings about animals or housework, hot-water bottle covers, paper clips, rubber bands, spare cans of paint, dried out paint brushes, miscellaneous lengths of electrical wire or any kind of metal objects that might one day theoretically come in handy for some as yet unimagined purpose. Thanks to years of travelling, I have a lifetime supply of soaps, small bottles of shampoo, sewing kits and shoe mitts. I have over 1,100 shower caps and require now only a reason to use them. I am so well prepared financially that I have money in currencies that no longer exist. I am especially set for clothes. I have reached the time in life where all I want is to wear out the clothes I have and never get another thing. I think many men of a certain age will nod in agreement when I say there is real satisfaction when you wear something out and you finally discard it . . . a feeling of a job well done. It is not always easy. I have a flannelette shirt I have been trying to wear out for twenty years. I wear that shirt up to a dozen times a month. I have washed the car with it. I have used it to clean the grate on the barbecue. I hate that shirt. I didn't actually like it the day I bought it. But I will wear it out if it kills me.*

**Fr. Peter Dillon**

**"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm."**

**As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.**

### READINGS THIS WEEK:

Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-9

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

2 Kings 5: 14-17; 2 Timothy 2: 8-13; Luke 17: 11-19

**FEAST DAYS:** Monday 7th Oct: Our Lady of the Rosary;

**SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES** invite you to **HIGH TEA**, to be held in the Parish Hospitality Centre, on **Saturday 19th October** from **10.30am to 1.30pm**. Tickets **\$25 each**. To book yours please phone Maxine **5539 9539**.



**URGENT SALE:** Sacred Heart Parishioners returning to live permanently in England had purchased a: **Pre-need Burial Memorial Package in Catholic Section of Allambe Memorial Park and must sell before they leave. Consists of : 1 Polished Jet Black Headstone and 1 Double Depth Burial site valued at \$20,000.** Owners will offer a substantial discount. 10% of sale price offered by the owners to be donated to Parish. **Please Contact Jim on 0458 410 537.**

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Maria Savio, for the week commencing **7th October**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

**MARCH FOR LIFE 2019:** Saturday October 12 at 2pm. Meeting at Queens Gardens, 144 George St Brisbane CBD. Marching to Parliament house for a rally, finishing by 3:30pm. The March will mark the 1 year anniversary of the passing of Queensland's extreme abortion laws. Please come along and bring your family and friends. It will be a family-friendly event.



### Baptism Preparation at Surfers Paradise Parish:

Our next meeting for Baptism Preparation for parents of babies and toddlers will be held on **Wed 9th October at 6:30pm** at **Sacred Heart Church**. For further information please email our Parish Assistant, Pat Kelly, [surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:surfers@bne.catholic.net.au). Enrolments can be made online at the parish website: [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au)

**CLIMBING TREES IN THE PARISH GROUND:** A timely reminder with school re-commencing on Tuesday that the Parish Safety Policy identifies any climbing or swinging in the trees as a **dangerous activity and does not permit it**. Please refrain from allowing your children to climb trees in the parish grounds. The Parish holds no responsibility for any injury caused from this activity. These policies are to ensure the safety of all.

**THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS:** This weekend there will be an Assembly in Brisbane to begin the *Listening and Discernment* phase of the journey to the **Plenary Council 2020**. We have a book called **"Why Don't People Listen"** which could help!

There is an invitation for interested people to attend (**October 4 and 5**) or live stream key sessions so please see the Archdiocese of Brisbane website. Topping the list of themes developed by parish meetings, was **Missionary and Evangelising**. Indeed Pope Paul VI said the Church 'exists in order to evangelise'.

We have a handout called **"12 Tips for Effective Evangelisation"** and a display in the Library has books to help people get started. The tips are easy to incorporate into life and they help us reveal the welcoming, non-judgemental and faith-filled people we all hope to be.

The book, **"Jesus the Evangelist"** is also full of useful ideas as we remember that evangelising enlivens our own understanding of our personal faith journey.

We can further deepen our understanding with **"Stages of Faith"**, which offers a range of Question and Answer books as well as books on effective communications.

All welcome - An exciting road awaits you!

**CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE** invites you to Mass to celebrate Qld Mental Health Week. **Friday 11th October at 1pm** at **St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley**. Parking in Church grounds. Light refreshments to follow Mass.

### Preparation for the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) at Surfers Paradise Parish:

Children who are fully initiated members of our Catholic faith, that is; children who have been baptised, confirmed and have made their First Communion are invited to prepare for the sacrament of Penance. In the Sacrament of Penance, we ask God's forgiveness. We acknowledge that our relationships have been weakened or even broken. We seek to actively make amends and seek forgiveness from God and if possible, from those we have harmed. The sacrament of Penance is also known as Reconciliation or Confession.

Interested children and their parents are invited to attend two, hour-long workshops at Sacred Heart Church: **Workshop #1 Thursday, 10th October 6:30pm** and **Workshop #2 Thursday 17th October 6:30pm**. The **celebration of the Rite of Reconciliation** will be held on **Thursday 24th October at 6:30pm**. If your family chooses to accept the invitation to be part of this group, **all workshops are compulsory** and, **parents and children** are required to attend and participate. For more information or to enrol your family in this Preparation for Penance Program please email our Children's Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson. [AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au)





**ART and CRAFT NEWS:** Our next activity is a **STALL** on the weekend of **19/20 October at the three Masses at Sacred Heart Church**. Please save up your **CASH** as we have no Eftpos facility. We look forward to meeting you there. We always

appreciate the support of our Parish Community. Proceeds will be in the hands of our wonderful Parish.



**SHARE THE DIGNITY:** We are hugely grateful to everyone who donated handbags to Share the Dignity. The response from our Parish Community was wonderful.

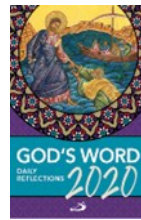
If you wish to further assist this great cause, please check their website <https://www.sharethedignity.com.au>

On the 18th of October **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary". For more information and for prayer resources visit, [www.millionkidspraying.org](http://www.millionkidspraying.org).

### **CATECHESIS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS:**

**The Neocatechumenal Way, Monday and Friday, 7:30 - 8:30 pm, from 30 September 2019 at Mermaid Beach Community Centre, 2439 Gold Coast Highway, Mermaid Beach.** If you wish to deepen and mature your faith come and listen! **Info 04 78 727 769** - Children and families welcome

**Join Co.As.It. Community Services for a FREE MORNING TEA & INFORMATION SESSION** at Southport Community Centre on the 16th of October from 10 am to 12pm. You will have the unique opportunity to sign up for **UNLIMITED FREE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES** through to December 2019. If you are over 60 and would like to spend a wonderful morning with like minded people gives us a call on **5617 9500**. Book your seat now before it's too late!



**LAST CHANCE TO ORDER:** An order for the **2020 Year A Break Open the Word and the 2020 God's Word books** will be placed this coming week. If you wish to order a copy for yourself please phone the Parish Office on Monday.

**VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT:** We are seeking volunteers for January 2020 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, East Timor & Solomon Islands. **Applications close October 15th.** Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

**BRISBANE CATHOLIC EDUCATION** offers Teaching Scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are currently enrolled in an education degree at a university within the Archdiocese.

**BENEFITS:**

- Successful applicants will receive up to \$4,500 in fee support per annum towards an education Degree
- A teaching position in a BCE school/college for a minimum of two years after graduating

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO APPLY:**

<https://tinyurl.com/bceteachingscholarship>  
Contact Gemma Crowley, Organisational Development  
3033 7523 or [orgdev@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:orgdev@bne.catholic.edu.au)  
Submit applications and references by **8th November 2019**.

**EUTHANASIA—WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT e-PETITION:** The State Parliamentary Health Committee has been asked to give weight to the views of the community in its final report about the suitability of introducing Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation. While this is a privately generated petition started by medical professionals, the local Church is in full agreement with its call for properly funded palliative care across all metropolitan and regional areas of Queensland as the only outcome to pursue.

It is a fairly simple process to add your voice of opposition to VAD/ euthanasia via the Petition link here: [www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3176](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3176)

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Wilma Clare Burcham, Charles Henry Lynch, Vera Rose, Lib Meo, Barry Harth, Lucia Abela, Mario Pase.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Liam McEvoy, Hubert Talmage Horne, Juan Pacheco, Claro Bayrante, Paddy & Betty McGuinness, Frank Alcocok, Muriel Rasey.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Arthur Haddad, Peter Taafe, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Lofthouse, Catarina Campesi, Louis Couch, Steve Wayt, Frank Conway (Tas), Pat Sulzberger, Judith Salvestrin, Denise Kuhne, Duncan Dawson, Rachel Raines, Nan & Hugh Tighe, Barry Moray, Peter Allsopp, Frok Kolaj, Caitlin Webster, Peter Capolupo, Jenny Johnson, Kurt Hilleshiem, Miriam Busitel, Judy Marshall, Tony Seymour, Stephen Kynaston, Katrina Gallagher, Tommy Harris, Sarah Clancy, Rachel, Young-Pil, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Tricia Baumann, Joanne Parkes, Cecilia Calligan, Norm Harding, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Raymond Bridge, Gerard Theron, Paul Kiely, Maria Trosic, Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Michelle MacDonald, Mark Miller, Julianne Conway, Peter O'Brien, John Stowers, Kim Parkes, Gus Reeves, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Frank Lyons, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy.

## PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7TH OCTOBER 7.00am SACRED HEART PUBLIC HOLIDAY	8TH OCTOBER 9.00AM SACRED HEART	9TH OCTOBER 9.00am STELLA MARIS	10TH OCTOBER 9am STELLA MARIS	11TH OCTOBER 9.00am SACRED HEART	12TH OCTOBER  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     Saturday Evening 5.00pm SACRED HEART CHURCH     Saturday Evening 6.00pm ST VINCENT'S CHURCH     Saturday Evening 6.00pm		AND     Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am AND     Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm AND     Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am		

### MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

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

Please phone - 3252 2200 for inquiries.

**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 November, 12noon at Guardian**

**Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport.** Will be at  
Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416 331 233

**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**

C/- St Maroun's Parish, Greenslopes.

[brisbane@maronite.org.au](mailto:brisbane@maronite.org.au)

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

**BOOK CLUB: PHC Tuesday 22nd October @ 12 noon.**

**BRIDGE: Mondays 12 noon & Wednesdays 1pm** PHC  
Cheryl 5538 8821.

**CARE & CONCERN: Medical Transport - 0474 211 908**

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

**FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 17th October 2019.**

**SPCL: Next meeting Tuesday 12 November 2019**

**SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am** Tuesday Casey Hall  
with Rochelle 0438 333 308 \$8 per session.

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

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

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

**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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Sacred Heart 9am: 13th October.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:** Tuesdays 10am (PO Prayer Room)  
& 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 20th October.**

**EXPOSITION:** St Vincent's Church: *In Abeyance till further notice.*  
Thursday 9:00am Sacred Heart Church: Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays  
7pm-9pm; 1st Friday 7pm 4th October to 7am 5th October.

**ROSARY:** St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am; *Mondays &  
Fridays 6:25am In Abeyance till further notice.*

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

**MARIAN VALLEY:** Please come and join us at the Marian Valley  
for **Fatima Day on Sunday 13th of October 2019.** The bus will be  
picking up at about 8.15am at the Sacred Heart Church, Clear  
Island Waters **please Ph: Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or  
Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.**

### 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**