



# SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## **Sacred Heart**

50 Fairway Drive,  
Clear Island Waters

## **St Vincent's**

40 Hamilton Avenue,  
Surfers Paradise

## **Stella Maris**

254 Hedges Avenue,  
Broadbeach

## **PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr Peter Dillon

**Parish Priest**

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## **SCHOOLS**

### **St Vincent's School**

Clear Island Waters

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### **St Kevin's School**

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Merrimac

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P: Anthony Elmore

## **29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 19th / 20th OCTOBER 2019**

### **HANGING IN THERE**

It has been said that perseverance is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did. The truth is that perseverance, that necessary trait of a healthy spiritual life is never easy, which is why so many people find it difficult to persevere with the practice of their faith when it appears at times to be just hard work.

While it seems to be commonly found in athletes and saints, perseverance is not always virtuous, particularly when it presents as stubbornness or pigheadedness. Synonyms for perseverance include endurance, steadfastness, constancy and stability. But it would be wrong to equate perseverance with merely staying in one place or sticking to one thing. We all know of people who have stayed in unfulfilling jobs or relationships, even when they were offered something better, simply because they lacked the courage to change. This is not the life-giving perseverance that can draw us into a deeper appreciation of God's call to transform ourselves and the world in which we live.

Two crucial factors influencing an approach to perseverance are self-discipline and a vision of the future. The heart of discipline is remembering what you want and staying focused on the journey towards getting what you want. In other words, a vision and a goal. The clearer our vision of what we want in the future, the better our chances are of mustering up the energy and sustaining the self-discipline to achieve that vision. The sharper the vision the more likely the perseverance.

The widow in Luke's Gospel today must have really wanted justice badly enough to have persevered as hard as she did. The judge used the word '*hypopiazein*' translated - 'worry me to death', but in Greek is more colourful - 'hit me under the eye' - a boxer's term! She will give him a black eye. The point of the parable, as with all parables, was greater than the characters and details of the story: the need to pray continually and never lose heart; the need to be persevering and confident in prayer. If a corrupt judge finally gives in to a poor widow, how much more will God the just judge listen to his people when they pray to him. Our vindication may not come until the last day, but it will come.

The widow wasn't violent, overly offensive or disrespectful. She fought fair, but she did fight. Christians are not revolutionaries but our voice must be heard. We want a world where the gospel can take root, where we can aid the poor, offer the stranger hospitality, care for and instruct the children, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and expose systems that are unjust. When any of these gospel values are in jeopardy, we will have the persistence of the widow. We hold on to what we believe, we are tenacious people and we believe in Jesus who died to make us free and God whose arm is with us, who will never be deaf to us in our time of need.

Jesus himself gives us frequent examples of his steadfastness. It is good to ask ourselves what enabled him to endure his particular trials and temptations. The answer is simple. Jesus persevered the same way we do: by remembering God loved him and he wanted all people to know that they too were loved as intensely. His vision was totally clear and his path was sure. Even his energy to keep going came from the fact that he knew there was no way to achieve his goal. He kept to what he had been taught and knew to be true.

*Fr. Peter Dillon*

**SEARCHING FOR JESUS? SEE PAGE 2**

*“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:**

Exodus 17: 8-13; 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4:2; Luke 18: 1-8

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:** Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18; Luke 18: 9-14;

**FEAST DAYS:** Tues 22nd: St John Paul 11, Pope; Wed 23: St John of Capistrano, priest; Thurs 24: St Anthony Claret, bishop.

**ALL SOULS DAY MASSES:** All Souls Day is Saturday 2nd November. There will be a 9.00am Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters and a 12noon Polish Language Mass at Sacred Heart.

Nerang Parish will also hold a service at Parkview Chapel, Allambe Memorial Park at 11am. If you wish to attend this service please rsvp to Nerang parish 5596 2632 or email [nerang@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:nerang@bne.catholic.net.au) by 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 .

**THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS:** The themes for discernment of the Plenary Council are also about issues which the Parish community can be engaged with now. Looking at the second theme **Humble, Healing and Merciful**, let us suggest some books. From ‘The Year of Mercy’ 2016: **Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy**; various **Pastoral Guides** about visiting the sick; Anthony Fisher’s book **War and Terror**; **Peace and Hope** about living with these topical issues and finally, books on **Bioethics** which is in the news at the moment!

**BOOK CLUB MEMBERS** please note that our meeting on October 22nd for our book “The Old Man and the Sea” is now re-scheduled for October 29. See you there!

**BAPTISM PREPARATION AT SURFERS PARADISE PARISH:** Our next meeting for Baptism Preparation for parents of babies and toddlers will be held on **Thursday 31st October at 10am at Sacred Heart Church**. 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).

**THE ENTIRE PARISH IS INVITED TO OUR  
COME AND SEE EVENING**

See what Catholicism is all about

Follow the call of Jesus to His disciples AND TO YOU

**WHEN:** 7PM Parish Hospitality Room

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

SEARCHING RENEWING RELATIONSHIP

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We will also be offering a film series on **THE MASS** by Archbishop Mark Coleridge and **CATHOLICISM** by Bishop Robert Barron which are based on deepening our relationship with JESUS through Eucharist and the Word - as we come to encounter JESUS more deeply in our everyday lives  
This will be a film series over 7 Saturdays, including a Holy Spirit Retreat.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October to 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
**10.30am to 1.30pm Parish Hospitality Room and Church**  
**This will include sharing of a light lunch together!**  
**You will need to book your seat.**



**ART and CRAFT NEWS:** We look forward to meeting you **THIS WEEKEND** at our Craft Stall, to be held at all Masses at Sacred Heart Church. We have lots of wonderful items to tempt you.

Please bring cash as we do not have access to Eftpos facilities.

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will meet at the Lone Star Tavern, corner Markeri St and Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters on **24th October at 12 noon** for Lunch. All welcome.

**Hospital Pastoral Carer (Volunteer) Expressions of Interest morning tea:** Centacare trains and supports Catholic pastoral care teams to provide pastoral and spiritual care to hospital patients, their families and hospital staff.

If you would like to find out more about this very rewarding role and if you have the time and availability to commit to a training course throughout 2020, including practical placements in a hospital, you are invited to join Fr John Chalmers, Director, Mission and Formation for Centacare and Judy Norris, Director, Centacare Pastoral Ministries, for an **Expressions of Interest morning tea on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - 11.30am in the** Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters, **OR, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - 11.30am,** St Bernard's Church Community Centre, 4 Klumpp Road, Upper Mt Gravatt. **For more information and to RSVP, please call Judy on: 3324 3193, or email: [judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au](mailto:judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au)**

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Rosina & Frank Smith of Merrimac, for the week commencing **21st October**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

**FINDING GOD IN THE QUIET CENTRE:** "God speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base....."

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter in to quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection in the beauty of God's good creation. Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries) **Friday 13 December 6pm to Sunday 15 December 3pm** at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets.

For more information contact, Grace at on 0409 524 283 or email [grace@dragonflyministries.net.au](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au)

**PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND with HARVEST JOURNEYS:** Departs 28 September 2020: 14 nights / 18days. Walk the land where 2000yrs ago Jesus Christ preached and taught us to pray in the form of Our Father. Our journey concludes back in Jordan connecting with our flight back home from Amman. With Fr Rafal as your Spiritual Chaplain. (formerly from Burleigh Heads and Nerang Parishes, now Parish Priest at St Flannan's Catholic Church, Zillmere.

Each day on the Pilgrimage, Mass will be celebrated in a special way you will remember forever. *For more details, contact Marguerite McMahon, 0408 765 954) or email [margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com](mailto:margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com). SEATS ARE LIMITED.*

**PRECIOUS IN HIS EYES' - PHOTO EXHIBITION FOR CATHOLIC MISSION - October 23—November 3**

Join the Brisbane Team of Catholic Mission at a photographic exhibition to mark the Extraordinary Month of Mission, as declared by Pope Francis for October 2019. Entitled 'Precious in His Eyes' the Exhibition will showcase images of missionary work undertaken around the world, particularly in response to the needs of children.

**Venue:** Percolator Gallery, 134 Latrobe Terrace, Paddington 4064. **Viewing Times:** Wednesday 23 Oct to Sunday 03 Nov 10am to 4.30pm. **Contact:** Phone 3352 4560 Email: [info@percolatorgallery.com.au](mailto:info@percolatorgallery.com.au)

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00 each**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Peter Taffe, Crayton Rosemeyer, Stephen Smithers, Edwin Ware, Stephen Fredericks (Malaysia), Francesco Bonarrigo (Italy), Eddie Fitzpatrick, Berenice Feltoe.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Aurora P. B. De Farias, Tom Toomey, Vincent Netting.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Bernadette Gleeson, Tony Wienand, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Damian Callinan, Arthur Haddad, 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, 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
21ST OCTOBER 7.00am SACRED HEART	22ND OCTOBER 9.00AM SACRED HEART NEXT ANOINTING MASS 10AM 12 NOVEMBER DUE TO MELB CUP ON 5TH	23RD OCTOBER 9.00am STELLA MARIS	24TH OCTOBER 9am STELLA MARIS	25TH OCTOBER 7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	26TH 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		AND    Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am		
	SACRED HEART CHURCH    Saturday Evening 6.00pm		AND    Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm		
	ST VINCENT'S CHURCH    Saturday Evening 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 29th October @ 12 noon.**

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

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

**FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 21 November 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

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

**BENEDICTION: 1st Fri 1st November 7:30am** St Vincent's Church

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: 27th 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 17 November.**

**EXPOSITION: St Vincent's Church: Will remain in abeyance for at  
least two more weeks.** Sacred Heart Church: **Tuesdays 9:30am;**  
**Fridays 7pm-9pm; 1st Friday 7pm 1st November to 7.00am**  
**Saturday 2nd November.**

**ROSARY: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am; Mondays from  
21st October & Fridays 6:25am from 18th October.**  
Sacred Heart Church: **Tuesdays & Fridays 8:25am before Mass**  
Stella Maris Church: **Wednesdays 8:25am before Mass**

**MARIAN VALLEY: For all Marian Valley Bus Trips 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**