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THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C

23rd / 24th NOVEMBER 2019

PARISH CENSUS 2019

Sacred Heart

50 Fairway Drive,
Clear Island Waters

St Vincent's

40 Hamilton Avenue,
Surfers Paradise

Stella Maris

254 Hedges Avenue,
Broadbeach

PASTORAL STAFF

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Parish Priest

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St Michael's College

Merrimac

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P: Anthony Elmore

DO I REALLY BELONG?

One of the most common statements I hear from people when I first meet them around our parish or in the broader community is: "I actually *belong* to your parish". What I have come to understand over the years is, there is a difference between "belonging to the parish" and "living within the parish boundaries". When I think about it, this last group doesn't actually 'belong' to the parish, but might need to use it at some time in the future for a baptism, wedding or funeral. I suppose it's just a sign of how people's view of parish life has changed over the years, as well as an indication that people belong to a vast range of clubs, groups or social networks that don't always allow sufficient time for involvement in Church on a weekend. An attitude of "We'll find you when we need you" is a common attitude.

Of course, this makes it very difficult for pastors in a parish to know who does belong and who is passing through. In the 'olden days' of Catholic parish life, nearly every family who attended Mass regularly was known to the priest and was involved in some way with the ministerial or pastoral life of the community. Given the substantial decrease in priest numbers over the past 10 years, there is now some concern as to how we will be able to provide pastoral care and services to this large and relatively unknown group who are nominal Catholics, unknown to us until they need us. (Of the 90 funerals and 170 baptisms celebrated this year, only a small number were known to the parish.) It is a case of how we will be able to supply services when the possible demands are unknown.

To this end, I have decided to instigate a parish registration program, beginning with a Parish Census to be conducted over the next two weekends at all weekend Masses. Via this registration program we can at least start with the people who wish to acknowledge Surfers Paradise Parish as their principal faith community. This will allow us initially to know who our "parishioners" are, and hopefully give the parish leadership some idea of how we might best provide a range of programs, liturgies and sacramental services into the future. Secondly, this registration will allow us to communicate with our parishioners through more effective use of emails and newsletters to keep people informed of events, timetables and on rare occasions, cancelations. The days of simply staying in contact by phone or the parish newsletter have become limited and we do want to stay in touch to share good news and the occasional sadness that allow people to stay connected to their faith community.

The information collated through the Census is only for parish use and will be treated with the strictest confidence. I can assure you, we simply want to get a clearer idea of who belongs to our parish and who is prepared to put their name to that belonging; who wishes to be part of the community or who simply wishes to need us when the occasion arises. This is just the first in a few steps towards a more effective way of using our limited resources to stay connected to a large group of faithful people, a group who are proud to be known as "parishioners who belong".

Fr Peter Dillon PP

Parish Census

**Each completed Parish Census form is an entry ticket
to a \$500 gift voucher - To be drawn before Christmas.**

**The Census will be conducted over this weekend
and the next weekend.**

“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: Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:
2 Samuel 5: 1-3; Colossians 1: 12-20; Luke 23: 35-43.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: First Sun of Advent: Year A: Isaiah 2: 1-5;
Romans 13: 1-14; Matthew 24: 37-44.



We invite children between the ages of 5 and 12 years to join us in **either or both** of the following activities:

1) The Christmas Vigil Mass Nativity Play

(Tuesday 24th December at 5pm)

If you would like to be part of our Christmas Nativity Play as a shepherd? a sheep? an angel? Mary or Joseph? then please come along to our practices to be held at Sacred Heart Church on

Tuesday 17th Dec 10:45am-12:15pm;

Thursday 19th Dec. 10:45am-12:15pm and

Monday 23rd Dec. 10:45am-12:15pm

2) A Fun Day with God, Holiday Activity Session

on Sunday December 22nd beginning at 10:00am (after 9:00am mass) and concluding at 2:30pm.

Through a day of creative activities including drama, craft and music, we aim to support the faith journey of our parish children and their developing spirituality as they explore the Gospel stories and message of the advent season.

The activities have been prepared by Lorraine Wynne (Evangelisation Brisbane) and Carole Danby. Lorraine will assist and guide a team of volunteer parishioners as they present the activities to our children. Parents and /or teenage siblings are also most welcome to assist.

Look out for more information in next week's newsletter **OR** email our Children's Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson at AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au to indicate your child's interest in attending or a family member's (adult's or teenager's) willingness to volunteer to assist in ensuring the success of these events for our younger parishioners.

Thanks in anticipation of your support!



All Parishioners are invited to attend our film series on **CATHOLICISM by Bishop Robert Barron**, conducted over the next three Saturdays. **10.30am to 1.30pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre.** This will include sharing of a light lunch.



ART AND CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will begin selling the tickets in our great Christmas Raffle at all three Churches on the weekend of 30 Nov and 1st December. Sales will continue over

the following two weekends. We have nine great prizes of \$100 cash together with great gifts.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING CASH as we don't have Eftpos facilities. The proceeds of the Raffle will go to the Parish for the benefit of all. We are grateful for your continued support.

St VINCENT de PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The weekend of the **30th November and 1st of December** is our annual Christmas Appeal at all our masses.

Please dig deep for the needy in our Parish.

AN INVITATION TO A PRESENTATION ON THE CAMINO WALK:

All parishioners are invited to this presentation to take place on **Sunday 8th December from 10.15am to 11.30am** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters. The facilitator is another parishioner, Michelle Moran, who has just returned from her 6th Walk, from Lisbon in Portugal to Santiago. Come and hear her stories of her Camino Walks, with emphasis on this last one.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office 5572 5433 by Friday 6/12.

AROUND THE PARISH: Last weekend **Rosies** had their annual commissioning and blessing mass attended by 30 plus members at St Vincent's Church. Rosies assists people on the street offering them a cuppa and a chat from their van. Rosies operates out of St Vincent Church carpark 3 evenings a week. Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

There were a number of Schoolies at the Masses in Surfers Paradise. They were welcomed by the St Vincent Church community.

The repairs to St Vincent Church are almost complete. The parish is grateful for your patience during the works.

OUR PARISH SCHOOLS ARE CELEBRATING THEIR GRADUATING CLASSES: **St Michael's College** had their **Year 12 Graduation Mass** on Thursday 7th of November with 94 graduates and their families attending.

St Vincent's School farewells their **Year 6 Graduation Class** with their celebration Mass on Wednesday 4th of December.

St Kevin's School Graduation Liturgy for their Year 6 class will be held at St Kevin's on Tuesday 3rd of December.

The parish warmly wishes these students a good transition to their future educational pathways.

FINDING GOD IN THE QUIET CENTRE: Final reminder:

Dates: Friday 13 December 6pm to Sunday 15 December 3pm at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston. **Please Contact Grace Hardwood. RSVP** as soon as possible.



Share the Dignity through LJ Hooker Nerang, wish to extend their most sincere gratitude to everyone in the Parish who was able to donate handbags to their cause. Your response enabled them to fill **over 130 bags** with much needed toiletries for homeless women. LJ Hooker will continue to be a major supporter of **Share the Dignity** and look forward to your assistance again in 2020. So hang on to those handbags and you can donate next year!

The Joy in Loving - Mother Teresa

"Lord give me this seeing faith, then my work will never be monotonous. I will find joy in humoring the fancies and gratifying the wishes of all poor sufferers."

O beloved sick, how doubly dear you are to me, when you personify Christ; and what a privilege is mine to be allowed to tend to you."

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of the Coutinho Family of Broadbeach, for the week commencing **25th November**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.



SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON Sunday 1st December at Burleigh Bears Pacific Ave, Miami. 11.30am for 12noon start. **\$30.00 per person**. (Own Drinks to be purchased.) Please phone Maxine **5539 9539** to book. Payment for tickets by **21st November**.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS now available at the Sacred Heart and St Vincent's Religious Goods Shops, **price \$9**.

This years 98th edition contains traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. A free online audio visual of the calendar artwork can be found at www.columban.org.au/2020artguide

The Piety Stall also has **CHRISTMAS CARDS** and many inspirational gifts for the **Giving Season**. Call in and purchase your gifts for family and friends.



\$2.00 each

RECENTLY DECEASED: Giacomo 'Jack' Ulliana, Eric Moloney (Twba), John Landrigan, Nancy McDermott, Aishling Teresa Lawlor, Raymond Arthur Miles.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Owen Oxenham, Fr Neal Shannon.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Peter Walsh, Frank Conway, Jean Di Benedetto, Bernadette Gleeson, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Damian Callinan, Arthur Haddad, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Lofthouse, Catarina Campesi, Louis Couch, Steve Wayt, Pat Sulzberger, Judith Salvestrin, Denise Kuhne, Duncan Dawson, Rachel Raines, Hugh Tighe, Barry Moray, Frok Kolaj, Caitlin Webster, Peter Capolupo, Jenny Johnson, Kurt Hilleshiem, Miriam Busitel, Judy Marshall, Tony Seymour, Stephen Kynaston, Katrina Gallagher, 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.

IS IT HOLIDAY TIME FOR YOU? We regularly receive notices from Travel Companies regarding Pilgrimages to various destinations in the upcoming year! Here are a couple for you to make this planning decision easier!

PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND with HARVEST JOURNEYS: Departs 28 September 2020: 14 nights / 18days. With Fr Rafal as your Spiritual Chaplain. Contact Marguerite McMahon, 0408 765 954 or email margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com

GAOSEP20 - GERMANY & AUSTRIA OBERAMMERGAU PILGRIMAGE: Take a walk through history as this pilgrimage unfolds experiences, stirring faith with the little gems studded across Germany & Austria in this 14-day pilgrimage for an all-inclusive Price of AUD \$7700. Witness the famous Passion Play 2020 which takes place once-a-decade in the village of Oberammergau that has been creating history for over 400 years. Limited Seats Only! Book Now with \$1500 Deposit for a September 2020 departure. Contact Magi Pilgrimages **03 8839 6615** for further details, info@magiholidays.com.au for day-by-day itinerary.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP GROUP will meet for lunch at 12noon on **Thursday 28th November** at the Lone Star Tavern, Corner of Marker Street and Sunshine Boulevard, Mermaid Waters. All Welcome.

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS: Life stories are among the most popular categories in our Library. So, during November, we are featuring books in which people tell their story, **in their own words**. On each shelf is a book which will be sure to inspire you.

A great influence on many spiritual seekers is St Augustine's '**The Confessions**'. This is a moving account by a man who examined the message and life of Christ and then was converted. A classic of our own time is the little book, '**Morrie: In His Own Words**'. This work is a simple presentation of a life lived and ended in great wisdom. Scott Hahn, a popular Catholic author, writes in '**Rome Sweet Rome**', about the way in which he and his wife came to the Faith. Also worth a read is '**The Spiral Staircase**' in which religious scholar Karen Armstrong writes about leaving her Order and making a new life of meaning. Pope Paul VI said, "Today people listen more willingly to witnesses than to teachers." So let's strive to discover these witnesses by reading their words.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER	TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 28TH NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER	SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER RECONCILIATION
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	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 AND AND	Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm 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, 1st December, 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.

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

BOOK CLUB: In abeyance until 2020.

BRIDGE: Mondays 12 noon & Wednesdays 1pm PHC

Cheryl 5538 8821.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 20th February 2020.

SPCL: Next meeting Tuesday 4th February 2020

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.

CARE & CONCERN: Medical Transport - 0474 211 908

BENEDICTION: 1st Fri 6th December 7:30am St Vincent's Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: 24th November.

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 15 December**

**EXPOSITION: St Vincent's Church 5.45am on Monday and
Friday: Thursdays from 9am-11am.**

Sacred Heart Church: **Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;**

1st Friday 7pm 6th December to 7.00am Sat 7th December.

ROSARY: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am, and Monday

and Friday at 6.25am; 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 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Blessed Virgin

Mary on Saturday 7th of December 2019. For all Marian Valley

**Bus Trips please phone: 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