



# SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - YEAR A 7TH / 8TH DECEMBER 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

Fr Peter Dillon  
*Parish Priest*

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*Associate Pastor*

### PARISH STAFF

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### THE WEIGHT OF WAITING!

Over the next few weeks of the Advent and Christmas season, we will strive to grow spiritually as we contend with a variety of forces that distract us from our union with God and our unity with one another. Consumerism has the effect of filling our lives with material matters, leaving little room for divine things. Excessive busyness puts us in a hurried mode, making contemplation and prayer very difficult. Add to this list the struggle to make a daily living, the conflicts of our personal relationships, and that ever present disease of narcissism and we know that Advent will demand intense effort and more than a modicum of grace. It has been said that the shortest recorded length of time is the time between the light in front of you turning green and when the car behind you sounds its horn. A slight exaggeration, but the point is made. We are not good at sitting still and letting things unfold in their own time.

Whether we believe that time is money or we have been conditioned to keep moving in case we stop permanently; waiting patiently is something we are finding harder and harder to do in a world that requires immediate decisions and reactions. We live in an 'instant' world where we can own now and pay later, where the next one is free if the ordered food takes more than a short period of time, where Internet access allows us to plug into the World Wide Web in seconds, and if we are lucky enough, we can scratch some instant cash! The examples go on and on. These things in themselves are not wrong but they do make Advent a difficult season for us to enter.

Advent is all about waiting. Firstly, waiting for a future that is not marked on a calendar nor can it be calculated in terms of days, months and years. But neither is it illusory. It is this future that we are drawn to this week as we listen to the prophet Isaiah as he tells us there will come a day when the whole world shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord. Can we submit ourselves to becoming what God wants for us?

Yet our waiting is never passive. The gospel of this week reminds us to "repent", not because we have a tricky God who will catch us napping but because we share in the responsibility of this future with God. We need to be on our guard, always ready to respond to possibilities of furthering the reign of God in our day. We wait for the final coming in confidence because we know that God did become flesh and dwelt with us, and that God continues to be present in our every day.

**Fr Peter Dillon PP**

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**THE PAMPERED KNEE:** I don't know of too many body joints that have received as much attention and discussion as my left knee over the past few months. Finally I am able to report that the old one that had served me faithfully for nearly 64 years, got replaced on November 21<sup>st</sup> by a sparkly new titanium one, that, like an infant trying to stand up, is a bit wobbly but full of firm resolve.

Many thanks to all those kind parishioners who shared your own replacement experiences with me. (Yes, I believe you now; it really does hurt.) Thanks also for the many good wishes I have received which make the discomfort bearable. Physio and excellent home care (provided by parish staff) should have me back on deck for duties in a week or so. Meanwhile, thanks for the excellent response to the Parish Census which has cheered me up no end.

While I did promise to be "dancing by Christmas", it may only be a soft-shoe shuffle at this stage.

*Restfully yours, Fr. Peter*

*“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:** Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12.

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:** Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11.

**FEASTDAYS:** Mon 9th: The Immaculate Conception; Fri 13th: St Lucy, virgin, martyr.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY:** The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of June Mye for the week commencing **9th December**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.



**Christmas Raffle**

### ART AND CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are now selling the tickets in our great Christmas Raffle at all Churches this weekend and the next. Winners will be drawn on Sunday 22nd. We have nine great prizes of \$100 cash together with great gifts.

### DON'T MISS OUT!!!

**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.

**PARISH CENSUS:** Over 1000 registration cards have been returned. This is a great result. Thank you to all who have participated. There is still time to register for the parish census. Cards are at the back of each church. Fill out and place on the collection plate or go to [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au) and fill in the form. All those received **before Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of December** will go into the draw to win a \$500 gift card to be drawn at Mass next weekend.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY:** Due to the 8th December falling on a Sunday, the Feast will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on **Monday 9th December**. Mass on Monday will be at **7.00am in St Vincent's Church**, 40 Hamilton Avenue, Surfers Paradise.

**LAY CARMELITE MEETING:** Our next meeting will be at 10am on **Sunday 15th December at 10.30am**. Find us in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Please bring a light lunch to share. For Information phone Norm Harding **0421 125 575** or email to [silasharding@gmail.com](mailto:silasharding@gmail.com)

**URGENT SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED:** One of our parishioners is in urgent need of Short Term Accommodation for a reasonable rental-bedroom/granny flat/flat share suitable – PLEASE contact the Parish Office on 5572 5433 if you have anything at all to assist in this situation. Thank you in anticipation!

**CHOOSE LIFE:** Cherish Life – Gold Coast Branch – Meeting All Life minded people are welcome: 6.30pm Monday 9 December in the Parish Hospitality Centre, 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters. Cherish Life Gold Coast Branch, Contact Fiona: 0457 781 513

## Two Invitations for our younger parishioners



Children between 5 and 12 years are invited to participate. Teenagers and adults are invited to assist.

### 1. Fun Days with God—Advent Adventures

The Parish Sacramental Team will present a Holiday Activity Session on Sunday December 22 beginning at 10:15am (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 the message of the advent season.

The activities have been prepared by Lorraine Wynne and Carole Danby who are members of the Evangelisation Brisbane Archdiocese team. We are very grateful that Lorraine will assist and guide us on December 22.

The invitation is particularly for children but parents and teenage siblings are most welcome to come along and assist.

**Anyone** wishing to be part of the day (as participant or assistant) should register for our **Fun Days with God—Advent Adventures** via the link on our parish website [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au)

### 2. The Christmas Vigil Mass Nativity Play

(Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:45am-12:15pm;

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10:45am-12:15pm and

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. 10:45am-12:15pm

There is no need to enrol for the nativity play; just come along to our first practice and join in.

For more details on either invitation, please email our Children's Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson: [AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au)



**A VOCATION VIEW:** *Isaiah's vocation was to be a light to the nations. Nations and neighbourhoods need missionaries lay, clergy and religious. Listen to the call!* To talk to someone about your vocation, contact our office or visit our website: [vocation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:vocation@bne.catholic.net.au)

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

### *The Joy in Loving - Mother Teresa*

*"It is very important for us to realise that love, to be true, has to hurt. I must be willing to give whatever it takes not to harm other people and in fact, to do good to them. This requires that I be willing to give until it hurts. Otherwise there is no true love in me and I bring injustice, not peace, to those around me."*

**THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS:** Now for a completely different book for our **HOT READ!!**

**"Draw Your Weapons"** is a reading experience like no other. Through a combination of memoir, history, reporting, visual culture, literature and theology, **Sarah Sentilles** offers an impassioned and ultimately hopeful defence of life lived by peace and principle. She tells the true stories of a conscientious objector during World War 2 and that of a former prison guard at Abu Ghraib. The author challenges conventional thinking about how violence is waged, witnessed and resisted - especially appropriate for consideration in this era of drone warfare.

Books about **Social Justice issues** are as a rule not borrowed from our Library and this is a great pity. Take a look at our current display which includes books by great Catholic authors who want us to make a difference in the world today. Why not challenge yourself with an unfamiliar theme in your spiritual reading this Advent?

**THE CATHOLIC LEADER**

**\$2.00 each**

- The Catholic Leader commemorated 90 years of journalism, covering the lives, news and events of Brisbane archdiocese.
- The relics of St Therese of Lisieux and parents Sts Louis and Zelig Martin have been confirmed to arrive in Brisbane in February 2020.
- A landmark class action in favour of victims of the 2011 Queensland floods was reason for Brisbane Catholic Eddy Delsorte to reflect on the day his Sherwood home went under water.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Val Pearce, Doris Mathews, Howard John Jones, Peter John Llewellyn, Peter Heffernan, Joan Stewart, Therese Lees, Darren Lemon, Giacomo 'Jack' Ulliana.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Owen Louis Ryan, Stephen Schreck, Beth Green, Joan Enright, Mary Wylie, Percy Felsman, Imelda Rundell, Kevin Francis Ryan.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Colin Randazzo, Jabour Haddad, Yvonne Lofthouse, Maureen Murphy, Helen Bohringer, Abina Salmann, Peter Walsh, Frank Conway, Jean Di Benedetto, Bernadette Gleeson, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Damian Callinan, Arthur Haddad, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne 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, 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.

### **PRAYER IN TIMES OF DROUGHT**

Eternal God, In wisdom and love, you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, please send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people; renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians; Pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop; Pray for us.



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

This year's 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](http://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.

**MEALS ON WHEELS BROADBEACH** serve the general community as well as the aged and disabled in Broadbeach and surrounding suburbs. Our friendly volunteers deliver our nutritious, affordable meals every weekday to clients' homes. Our point of difference to other meal delivery services is that we take the time to chat and provide a wellness check of our clients. This gives peace of mind to the extended family. Often we are the only contact our clients have for the week and so our visit provides comfort to the lonely. If clients prefer to pick up their own meals, we also offer counter service at our headquarters in the Broadbeach Senior Citizens Centre. Enquiries please call the office on **5526 2300** or email:

[enquiries@mealsonwheelsbroadbeach.com.au](mailto:enquiries@mealsonwheelsbroadbeach.com.au)



## PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER	TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER	THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER	FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER	SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 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, 5th January, 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.

**WEDDINGS:** The Catholic Church requires 6 months notice. Please  
call the Parish Office on **5572 5433**.

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

**BENEDICTION: 1st Fri 3rd January 7:30am** St Vincent's Church

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

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: In Abeyance till 2020**

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Tuesdays 10am Resumes 4/2/2020  
& 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 3rd January to Midnight Friday 3rd January.**

**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: 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**