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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

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**Sunday, September 19, 2021**

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B**

Readings for Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B

FIRST READING: Wis 2: 12, 17-20

Ps: Ps 54: 3-4, 5, 6-8 "The Lord upholds my life."

SECOND READING: Jas 3: 16—4: 3

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (cf. 2 Thess 2: 14): Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the Gospel, to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 9: 30-37

**"Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9: 35)**



(Shutterstock licensed Image ID: 531713368 Istanbul, Turkey - May 10, 2014: Byzantine Christian mosaic of Jesus Christ on the wall of Hagia Sophia, Turkey. Hagia Sophia, or Aya Sofia, was built in the 6th century, the greatest monument of Byzantine Culture. By MOROZ NATALIYA)

## PASTOR'S POST: "...AND THEY'RE OFF . . ."

Sometimes when I look at the congregation after communion has been distributed, it seems that a quarter of the seats are now empty, and people have vanished out the door. Communion seemed to be the signal for the exodus. They got what they came for, so they hightail it to their car at such speed as to create the impression that they just remembered they left the iron on or the bath running. Some of the Formula 1 pit crews could learn valuable lessons on-grid starts from some of our post-communion parishioners starting their engines.

All of these are good people, I'm sure, but it would have been better if what they had on their minds was participation, not departure.

We come to Mass each Sunday for several reasons. We gather as Christians to celebrate the most momentous events in human history – the death and resurrection of Christ. We come winding our way from different places and circumstances to give congregational expression to our common faith. And we gather around the table of the Lord to receive food for life's journey, to receive his body and blood, to be in the closest possible union with Christ and with one another. It's really big stuff that is happening there and it deserves some focus and reverence.

Going to Communion is not a neutral exercise. It's not just something we do as a matter of course. It is not something that takes place in a moral vacuum or an action that we perform independently of our lives outside of the Church. If the food from heaven that we receive is God's gift to us, then the way we receive that food should be our gift to God. What we have just received should feel heavy on our hands since what we are offering is our nearest shot at connecting what we do in Church with what we do outside – and that exercise surely takes more time than it takes to get from the communion line to the Church door. Communion is a challenge to good living that we cannot cynically ignore. If we aren't expected to be saints to receive communion then we should at least try to be repentant sinners. Communion is not a prize for being good, as much as a support for the person who seeks to be genuinely better.

None of us can come blamelessly to the table of the Lord, but we shouldn't come shamelessly either.

So next time you are tempted to eat and run just ask yourself,

"What have I done, am doing or will do to deserve what has just happened?"

"Why is my need to get home more pressing than staying with my faith community to receive yet another blessing?"

"Is what I am rushing to, more important than staying a few minutes to say thanks for the sacrifice?"

"Is picking up a loaf of bread on the way home as significant as the bread I have just consumed?"

**Fr Peter Dillon. PP - (From a Pastor's post originally published 2nd July 2017)**

**We congratulate the Koutsellis, Driscoll and Tallal families, whose children Helena Isabella, Meila Rose and Ameera Raine will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.**

**Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.**

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## Padre Pio - Marian Valley, Canungra

The Italian Community of Brisbane and Gold Coast invites all devotees of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina to the Annual Pilgrimage to Marian Valley, Canungra, on Saturday 18 September 2021. Program: 10.30 am Rosary, 11.00 am Way of the Cross, 12.30 pm Mass, followed by a procession to the Chapel. All services will be in Italian. BYO lunch. A bus will be departing Holy Cross, Woolloowin. Places are limited, please contact Nerina La Spina on 3357 1220 for bus bookings.

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## TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH - Call it out

Saint Peter Claver (1580-1654) was a Jesuit priest dedicated to baptizing and serving enslaved Africans in Cartagena, Colombia, a major slave-trade port. While Claver was ahead of many of his peers in at least recognizing the humanity of Africans and poured out his life to alleviate the great suffering he encountered, we need to acknowledge that the colonial system that enslaved Africans was allowed to continue unabated for centuries without much church resistance. How can we and our communities of faith challenge the enduring legacy of racism today, inspired by Claver's witness of service and the gospel mandate to love? (Luke 6:27-38 (440). "Do to others as you would have them do to you").

**SIGN UP FOR "TAKE FIVE" DAILY - [HTTP:- www.takefiveforfaith.com/subscribe](http://www.takefiveforfaith.com/subscribe)**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION -

**"Anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Mark 9:35**

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

**The vision of Stewardship speaks in every aspect of life, inviting everyone to be thankful, generous and accountable for what each has been given.**

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## ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT: REFLECTION & BIBLE STUDY

### NEXT SESSION - SUNDAY MORNING 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

**In-person at the Parish Hospitality Centre and also coming to you on ZOOM!  
10 AM TO 11:30 AM IN THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE OR ON ZOOM**

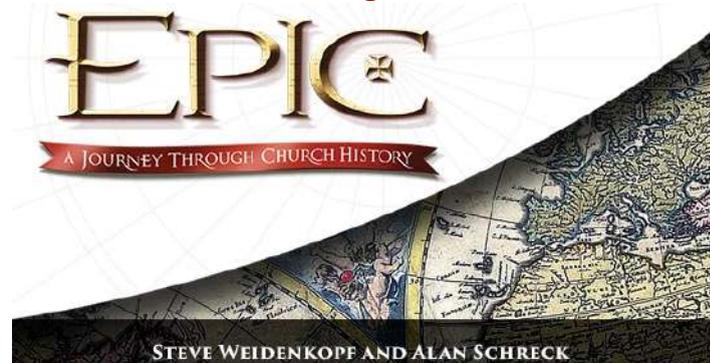
**If you want to connect from your home, we can assist you in joining (ring 0409 486 326).**

**If you are already familiar with Zoom, access to the ZOOM Meeting is ID 743 836 7833**

This exciting 20-part (20 hours) DVD series takes you **through** the major people, places and events that make up the **history of the Catholic Church**. You will see the glory **of the Church** founded by Christ and understand where you fit into this **Epic** story.

You will study:

- ★ The major people, places, and events of the past two thousand years in Church history.
- ★ Learn the twelve time-periods of Church history
- ★ Grasp the true story of the Crusades
- ★ Recognise the rationale for the medieval inquisitors and the Spanish inquisition
- ★ See the revolutionary character of the Protestant Reformation
- ★ Understand the real story of the confrontation between Galileo and the Church
- ★ Discover the massive persecution of Christians in the twentieth century
- ★ Discern the workings of the Holy Spirit throughout Church history



**We have at least one study set available (but can order more if need be) so come along to the next session, you are most welcome. The Study Set will cost \$44.99 (no mark up - just the internet advertised cost - freight is on us) and includes everything you need to participate and complete the 20-part study.**

**If anyone is desperate to be a part of this but cannot afford the \$44.99 or is able to just afford some of it - please DO NOT let this stop you - we are very happy to have you participate.**

**FOR YOUNG AND NOT SO YOUNG AND IN-BETWEEN**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

### THE ORDER OF SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN:

#### BAPTISM in Surfers Paradise

Surfers Paradise Parish follows the policies of the Archdiocese of Brisbane as it welcomes each person into the family of the Church through the waters of Baptism. Baptism is the first of three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Infants and children are baptised at the request of parents. Within the Baptism ritual, parents promise to accept the responsibility of training their children in the practice of the faith and to raise their children to understand and live God's commandments. Parents can request baptism for their child by filling out an enrolment form, available on our parish website [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au) Once the online baptism form has been received, our Baptism Coordinator will provide details for preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism and will also explain the requirements for booking the Baptism Celebration day.

#### CONFIRMATION in Surfers Paradise

### The second group of Confirmation candidates for 2021 have begun their preparation!



Over 90 children and their families have started their "At Home Preparation for Confirmation". They will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 15. We ask all parishioners to continue to pray for these children, their sponsors and their families. May they open their hearts and minds to the light and love of God as they seek to learn more about the gifts of the Spirit. And may our whole Parish family be inspired by the power of the Holy Spirit alive among us, today and always.

For your child to be included in next year's preparation Confirmation group, please go to the parish website [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au) and complete an online enrolment application. Please use the drop-down menu under Sacraments and click on **Confirmation** (under Sacraments). Then scroll down to and click on CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM (in the blue box). Once you click on SUBMIT, you will receive an automated response so that you know that your completed application has been received. Next year, you will receive a personal email a couple of months prior to the next preparation group starting (around beginning of Term Two)

#### EUCHARIST - FIRST COMMUNION

This year, 105 Surfers Paradise Parish children celebrated their First Holy Communion over two weekends - May 30 and June 6, 2021. They were two wonderful celebrations.

For children seeking to receive their First Communion in 2022, the parents of children who were confirmed in 2021 will be contacted via email in Term One next year. This email will explain the dates and requirements for meetings etc. If your child was baptised and confirmed in another parish and you would like to join the group making their First Communion in Surfers Paradise Parish in 2022, please go to the parish website [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au) and complete an online enrolment application. The process is similar to that described above in the Confirmation section.

#### RECONCILIATION

In the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Reconciliation follows the Sacraments of Initiation. That is, Reconciliation, also known as Penance, follows Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The Surfers Paradise Sacramental Team's plan for Reconciliation is to prepare a program similar in style to the *Confirmation and First Communion At Home Preparation Programs*. This will be a lengthy task, we are unable to provide an exact starting date, but we urge all parents and caregivers to continue to check our newsletter for updates.

## The Parish Library 2021 - Are you called to help in the library?

We are in need of volunteers to man the library before and after mass during the weekends. If you are called to help in the library, we shall appreciate it if you can contact Esta Mostert by texting / WhatsApp her on +61 410542427 or email her: [esta@mostertfamily.com](mailto:esta@mostertfamily.com)

Please text your name, WhatsApp or phone number and/or your email address to her as well as the times that you will be available. Alternatively, write your name on the Library Volunteer list at the back of the church. **Ezekiel 2:9 Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll was in it.** Source: <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Books>

### INSPIRING QUOTES:

- "This is my last hour of life, listen to me attentively: if I have held communication with foreigners, it has been for my religion and my God. It is for Him that I die. My immortal life is on the point of beginning. Become Christians if you wish to be happy after death because God has eternal chastisements in store for those who have refused to know Him." **Saint Andrew Kim Taegon. Korean Martyr.**
- "We have received baptism, entrance into the Church and the honour of being called Christians. Yet what good will this do us, if we are Christians in name only and not in fact?" Saint Andrew Kim Taegon. Korean Martyr.
- "Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer. Have courage and do not fear the assaults of the Devil." **Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.**
- "Whoever does not meditate, is like someone who never looks in the mirror before going out, doesn't bother to see if he's tidy, and may go out dirty without knowing it. The person who meditates and turns his mind to God, who is the mirror of his soul, seeks to know his faults, tries to correct them, moderates his impulses, and puts his conscience in order." Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.
- "You complain because the same trials are constantly returning. But look here, what have you to fear? Are you afraid of the divine craftsman who wants to perfect His masterpiece in this way? Would you like to come from the hands of such a magnificent Artist as a mere sketch and no more?" Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.
- "In order to attract us, the Lord grants us many graces that we believe can easily obtain Heaven for us. We do not know, however, that in order to grow, we need hard bread: the cross, humiliation, trials and denials." Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.
- "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions, you should only speak to Him with your heart." Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.
- Remember that it is not a feeling of guilt that constitutes sin but the consent to sin. Only free will is capable of good or evil. But when the will sighs under the trial of the tempter and does not will what is presented to it, not only is there no fault, but there is a virtue. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.
- When you gossip about a person it means that you have removed the person from your heart. But be aware, when you remove a man from your heart, Jesus also goes away from your heart with that person. Saint Pio of Pietrelcina.
- "It was pride that caused the fall of Lucifer and Adam. If you should ask me what are the ways of God, I would tell you that the first is humility, the second is humility, and the third is still humility. Not that there are no other precepts to give, but if humility does not precede all that we do, our efforts are fruitless." **Saint Augustine of Hippo.**
- "Whoever will proudly dispute and contradict will always stand outside the door. Christ, the master of humility, manifests His truth only to the humble and hides Himself from the proud. **Saint Vincent Ferrer.**
- "We do not need words only, for, at the present time, there are many words among men, but we need works, for this is what is required, not words which do not bear fruit." **Saint James of the Desert.**

### THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND -



This weekend Our Lord teaches us a most important lesson. He reminds us that following him is the path of unselfish service. Love and

sacrifice.... Our Lord also shows us that God's idea of greatness is very different from the ideas of the world...

I love the system of continuous readings that the Catholic Church and many other denominations have developed. The Lectionary cycle.... I think that it is a true genius that allows the Bible to come alive in our yearly journey.... The readings this weekend are challenging, but I love that too.... It would be easier for us to pick the readings we like.... To pick the texts that most speak to us and expound on them.... But perhaps if I were to do that, I would be sorely tempted to pass over those texts that challenge me, that move me out of my comfort zone... that are inviting me to be a disciple in the building up of Christ's Kingdom and not my watered-down vision of what I think the Kingdom of God should be.... Through our journey through the continuous cycle of readings... we don't choose the text.... It chooses us... and it reads our lives and God transforms them, reshaping us in God's image, not in our own....

Scenes like this weekend's gospel can be very sobering and they can give the impression that the disciples never fully understood the Lord's teaching. But we have to keep in mind that the gospels largely are a sneak peek into the formation and training that the disciples were getting from Jesus during his earthly ministry. Later, after Jesus' death and resurrection and ascension, and after the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the disciples were transformed and enlightened. They finally understood the message and teaching of Jesus. No longer were they wrangling and jockeying for the best places of honour, no longer were they squabbling over who was the greatest or what part of the work Jesus left for us to complete was their part, and which was the most lucrative part of the ministry.

We are very fortunate that the gospels are not merely the END result of all Jesus' teachings, with all the rough bits polished off. We are very blessed that the gospels show us the journey of understanding and learning and change of vision that the disciples had to go through before they fully comprehended the message of Jesus. If we only got the final results, we would not have understood the journey of discovery and conversion that we too must undergo. We must let go of our old ways of thinking and embrace the new ways of the gospel. The old ways were of self-advantage, self-focus and 'what can I get out of this for myself?' - and the new ways of the gospel are self-sacrificing service and consideration for others, a mindset that puts oneself last and servant of all.

The first reading reminds us of something we have to be very wary of. When we become aware of some challenging aspects of our own weaknesses and selfishness, it is sorely tempting to want to 'shoot the messenger.' This is what happened in the Old Testament days, and it is alive and well today too: The prophets pointed out the ways the people were not living up to God's ways and what did the people do? in the main, they didn't start working on their areas of weakness and their blind-spots, but rather typically they started trying to discredit the prophets and ignore and ridicule the message and in many occasions, they killed the prophets rather than deal with the actual problem - their wrongful ways and attitudes.

Do we ever see that tendency in ourselves in one way or another... we become aware of a weakness or an area in our lives or areas for growth or change in our personalities (ones that need work and improvement), but instead of humbly beginning the work of asking God to change these aspects and asking for God's grace to remove these barriers and wrongdoings, we just fob off the message or blame the messenger. This would have to be one of THE most unhelpful and dangerous behaviours around. In a way, it is a self-defensive mechanism, (designed to protect us), but it ends up keeping us stuck in bad ways and repeated mistakes. It is not being honest and open with ourselves and it is not admitting our utter dependence on God's mercy, love and grace to slowly but surely change us to be more like the disciples he calls us to be. God loves us despite our sinfulness, but God doesn't want us to stay stuck in the mud either! God is offering us the grace to rise above our weaknesses if we let him address our sinfulness - if we bravely and honestly face the truth of them!

St James spells it out in the second reading: "Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom ... from above is essentially about working for peace, and shows itself in kindness, consideration of others, compassion, and results in good actions. If we are on the right track, partiality or hypocrisy and endless wrangling and fights and disruptions would not

be present. .... holiness.. in God's eyes is being a Peacemakers, not a stirrer or an agitator for one's own desires and ambitions. (James 3:16 - 4:3).

He says it really clearly: We wouldn't have jealousy or wrangling if people had a self-sacrificing, serving, considerate approach to others, above themselves. Jesus is the perfect example of this self-sacrificing approach. He could have claimed all authority and all privilege but instead emptied himself completely for others. It is starkly and shockingly challenging. Will we follow in the master's footsteps or try to go in circles on our own?

**To listen to the whole Sunday Mass each week (including homily) from Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, please visit this link: Liturgy for you at Home (by SPCP) - [https:- soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks](https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks)**

(Source: Fr Paul Kelly)

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## POPE FRANCIS: POPE FRANCIS AND OTHER CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE CALLING FOR DEFINITIVE ACTION TO HALT CLIMATE CHANGE.

The leaders of three prominent Christian denominations have issued an unprecedented joint statement calling on people of all faiths to take action to halt the devastating impacts of climate change.



The statement from Pope Francis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew — who collectively minister to more than a billion-and-a-half Christian faithful — comes as the world's political leadership prepares for a major United Nations conference on climate change, COP26, scheduled for early November in Scotland.

"September is celebrated by many Christians as the Season of Creation, an opportunity to pray and care for God's creation," the letter said. "As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what choices we must all make."

The statement by the clerics arrives on the heels of a major report from the United Nations' climate science body that warned climate change is accelerating and is almost entirely driven by human activity. It also adds to a diverse chorus of people demanding bolder action on climate change at a time when research shows that deep cuts must be made in fossil fuel use to avert the worst effects of climate change.

On Monday, more than 200 of the world's leading medical and health journals issued an unusual joint statement calling climate change the biggest threat to public health, not the pandemic.

"Widespread floods, fires and droughts threaten entire continents," the clergy wrote in their statement last week. "Sea levels rise, forcing whole communities to relocate; cyclones devastate entire regions, ruining lives and livelihoods. Water has become scarce and food supplies insecure, causing conflict and displacement for millions of people."

The religious leaders also give special attention to the poor in the statement, who they note have made the least contribution to the greenhouse gas pollution that drives climate change but bear "the most catastrophic consequences."

"We call on everyone, whatever their belief or world view, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us," the message said.

In the United States, the world's largest historic emitter, Congress is currently considering the nation's most expansive climate proposal ever: a \$3.5 trillion plan that Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., says would put the U.S. nearly on target to reach its 50% emissions reduction goal by 2030.

Whether that legislation can pass could come down in part to a compromise between two prominent Catholic politicians: President Biden, who views the plan as a centerpiece of his political legacy, and Sen. Joe Manchin, a conservative Democrat from West Virginia who last week called for a "strategic pause" on the legislation in a Wall Street Journal opinion piece.

### **MANCHIN OPPOSES ELIMINATING FOSSIL FUELS**

Manchin, who says he is concerned about the scale of recent government spending, told CNN this summer that he's "very, very disturbed" by the climate measures in the bill, which he worries will eliminate fossil fuels.

"If they're eliminating fossils, and I'm finding out there's a lot of language in places they're eliminating fossils, which is very, very disturbing," he said, "because if you're sticking your head in the sand, and saying that fossil has to be eliminated in America, and they want to get rid of it, and thinking that's going to clean up the global climate, it won't clean it up all."

"If anything, it would be worse," Manchin said.

The science on climate change says otherwise. In a study published in Nature this week, researchers warn that fossil fuel producers should avoid extracting at least 90% of coal reserves and 60% of oil and gas reserves by 2050 in order to limit global temperature rise to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

Even then, the planet has a 50% chance of exceeding that level of warming. Earth has already warmed about 2 degrees Fahrenheit since the mid-1800s when the use of fossil fuels boomed with growing industrialization.

West Virginia is the second-largest U.S. coal producer and relies on fuel for 91% of its energy needs. The energy sector accounts for 6% of the state's employment, compared with a national average of roughly 2%.

As NPR has previously reported, the fastest way to cut U.S. emissions is likely through transforming the way the country generates electricity by moving away from fossil fuels, including coal and natural gas, toward renewable and zero-emissions sources.

On Wednesday, the Biden administration released a blueprint for generating 40% of the nation's power needs through solar by 2040, up from 3% today. Such a dramatic transition would require government action like the president's \$3.5 trillion proposals.

### **BIDEN SEES ALLIES ON CLIMATE AMONG FAITH LEADERS**

In the joint letter's conclusion, the religious leaders reiterate their plea to business and government leaders by quoting scripture: "To whom much is given, much is required."

Biden, a lifelong practising Catholic, has readily acknowledged the role religious leaders have played in spurring action on climate change.

In May, John Kerry, the administration's climate envoy, travelled to the Vatican to meet with Pope Francis, whom he called a "compelling moral authority on the subject of the climate crisis."

Kerry, who is also Catholic, said he hoped the pontiff's advocacy could "push people to greater ambition to get the job done."

Getting Biden's climate proposal done, though, will require the support of all 50 Democratic senators, including fellow Catholic Manchin.

Manchin's office did not respond to multiple inquiries by NPR asking for his reaction to the pope's call for climate action. One other Democratic senator, Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, has also signalled that she will not support the package. Sinema is the only member of Congress to identify as "religiously unaffiliated."

## STARTING NEXTYEAR - NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL WITHIN OUR PARISH Star of the Sea - Merrimac

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## DATE CLAIMER - GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25 September commencing at 11.30 am. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Bookings are available via the following link:

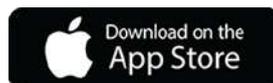
<https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au> or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.



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## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your support is needed to help our Parish continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish, you can give via [here](#).



If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. The pay-wave or tap-and-go machines on the timber stands in our Churches are also a safe and handy way to donate to the Parish. **God bless you for your support.** If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at [man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au). To join planned giving, please contact the Parish Office: (07) 5572 5433 (9 am–12 pm Mon-Fri).

## MASS TIMES: SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

**Sacred Heart**  
350 max capacity

**Saturday Night - 5 pm**

+ (Maronite Mass 6:30 pm, Saturday Night).

\*Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9 am (Next: 4th September)

**Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm**

+ (Polish Mass 12:30 pm Sunday)

+ (Italian Mass 4 pm Sunday)

**Weekday Masses - Monday - Friday weekday Mass - 9 am**

**St Vincent's**  
200 max capacity

**Sunday - 8 am & 10 am**

+ (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

Extra parking is available only metres from St Vincent's Church, King's Car Park, entry via Beach Road

**Stella Maris**  
150 max capacity

**Saturday Night - 5 pm**

**Sunday - 7 am**

Please note: Numbers allowed in each Church are based on social distancing restrictions, and the Archbishop has continued to exempt everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday mass during restrictions.

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to check in for mass, maintain a **social distance of 1 person per 2 square metres**, and to receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises.

**Please note that people entering the church are required to scan the [Check-In Qld app](#), which will register you as attending that mass time.**

Please show our volunteers at the door your  before entering the church. Ask for assistance if you require help getting the App on your phone. If you are not able to get the App (your phone is too old /not compatible /you don't have a mobile), only then are you required to write down your name and contact number. **Please remember that if you are experiencing any symptoms, get a COVID test** and quarantine at home until you receive a negative result. Thank you for keeping our parish communities safe.

**MASKS MUST BE WORN ANY TIME YOU CANNOT DISTANCE 1.5 METRES**

**Hispanic (Latino American) Mass:** Fr. Cyrilus Madin

5 pm Mass 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month - St Vincent's Catholic Church, Surfers Paradise.

Gold Coast Contact: Juan Arrieta 0406 705 349

**Polish Mass:** Fr Grzegorz Gawel SChr (Bowen Hills 3252 2200)

12.30 pm Mass Sunday Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

Gold Coast Contact: George Syrek 0411 302 802

**Italian Mass:** Fr Angelo Cagna 0423648736

4 pm Mass Sunday Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

Gold Coast Contact: Connie Canale 5575 8882

**Maronite Mass:** Fr Fadi Salame 0421 790 996

6.30 pm Saturday Vigil, Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

## NOTICES AND MESSAGES

### Functional Exercise Class - Low Impact for Heart Health

Spring has sprung! Join Rochelle for a fun functional exercise class at Casey Hall. Low impact cardiovascular exercises for heart health, improve strength and balance- an all-round fitness class for over 65's. Stretch and strengthen the whole body, make new friends and feel great. Tuesday mornings @9.30 Beginners welcome. Contact Rochelle for further information on 0438 333 308.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**A weekend experience for married couples, priests and religious, away from the distractions of everyday living.** Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset and revitalise your Sacrament. This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. Our next COVID-SAFE live-out weekend will be held from Friday

evening 15 October to Sunday afternoon 17 October (including Mass) at Trinity College, Beenleigh (south of Brisbane) – going home on the Friday and Saturday evenings. Contact Maria and David Murphy: (07) 3342 1456, [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)

Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

Please watch a Youtube clip about Marriage Encounter by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, [here](#). It is a powerful testimony.

## SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

Orders are now being taken for the annual 2022 Liturgical resources.

**Year C 2022 Break Open the Word \$12** (subsidised cost to readers) otherwise \$27

All rostered readers in the Parish are expected to have their own copy of this book. As in previous years, the parish continues to subsidise Break Open the Word.

**2022 Daily Mass Book \$27**

**2022 ORDO \$20**

**2022 God's Word \$20**

Please email the Parish Office with your order 'surfers@bne.catholic.net.au'

## THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB

**Meets at the Sacred Heart - Parish Hospitality Centre, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.**

Playing Bridge keeps your brain active and increases your social network! So why not give us a try?

Learn to play Bridge at "Our Friendly Club" - Free Lesson. "Introduction to Bridge"

**Easy to learn format, no previous card playing experience necessary. All are welcome.**

For more information and to enrol, Please phone: Cheryl 5538 8821 or Mob 0417 772 701

## YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Come join us for our friendly class in the Parish Hospitality Centre next to the Parish Office. Classes run every Tuesday at 10:45 am. Learn to relax, yet gain greater flexibility, inner strength, body awareness and concentration. All while increasing your breath support and general wellbeing. Ruth is an IYTA accredited instructor with wide experience and runs a caring, carefully monitored one-hour session costing \$10 (new attendees need to arrive by 10.30 am to prepare adequately for class). For more information, call Ruth on 0421338110.

## FAN THE FLAME PLENARY COUNCIL REFLECTION

Check out this new video presentation:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/27r1l8g00gu6zdzq/Plenary%20Council%20Powtoon%20%28Female%20Voiceover%29.mp4?dl=0>



***'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me;'***  
**Mark 9:30-37**

Our parishes, in particular, are challenged to renew the formation of children, young people and families who may not be strongly connected to the Church but who still have an 'instinct for the faith' which prompts them to

seek the sacraments or engage in part with of the Church's life.

(Instrumentum Laboris #133) [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

## ALL HALLOWS' SCHOOL 50TH YEAR REUNION

The "Class of 1971" and anyone who shared the journey is invited to attend our 50th Year Reunion Gathering at Cloudland, 641 ANN STREET, ON SATURDAY THE 30TH OCTOBER 2021 AT 1 PM.

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE AT [www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ahs-class-of-71-reunion-tickets-166265242817](http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/ahs-class-of-71-reunion-tickets-166265242817)

It would be appreciated if you could forward this information to friends and family who may not have received an invitation, or may have a change of email. Please direct any enquiries to Anne Marie Troutman on 0408495094 or [amtrout@bigpond.net.au](mailto:amtrout@bigpond.net.au)

## JOBS AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### Position Vacant – Booval Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Booval Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part-time 3-year contract position of Parish Secretary for 20 hours per week, 5 hours on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. Closing date – 22 September 2021.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website-

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/350411>

### Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator. Albany Creek.

Applications are open for a position at the Albany Creek Catholic Parish. A person who is able to establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 15 hours per week.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>.

Application close: 30 September 2021

### Position Vacant – Pastoral Associate- Sunnybank.

Applications are open for a position at the Sunnybank Parish. The Pastoral Associate will be required to coordinate children and their families preparing for the Sacraments. The applicant will also be involved in Liturgy preparation, Adult Education and Pastoral Care of Parishioners. The applicant will require recent study and practice in the Sacraments of Initiation and Theological qualifications are essential.

The position is permanent part time 28 hours per week (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday)

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/355466/pastoral-associate-sunnybank-parish>. Applications close: 1 October 2021

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## PLEASE PRAY - IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Mathew Duran, Kurt Hillesheim, Sr Mary Teresa (NZ- sister of Caroline Moulden), Bert Devich, John Davis, Peter Cotton, Bobby Courtney, Lisa Mangan, Doreen Slater, Christina Hendriksen, Diane Land, Robyn Skein, Sharyn Lucas, Kye Oh, Irene Carney, Michael James, Bill Gilmore, Olga Hamshari, Roy Ferraro, Margaret Haerse, Rosalind Lee, Milka Barac, Mary Ashton, Bill Goodrem, Rodney & Norma McLennan, Lois & Doug Wood, Duncan Dawson, Sam Maxwell, William Franklin, Gerry Stoffels (Capetown, SA), Maria Mihalic, Annie Scicluna, Anne Logan, Dymphna Hogg, Margaret & Louise Thompson, Patricia Moor, Helen Bohringer, Peter O'Brien, Angela Duvnjak, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Rosslyn Wallis, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Michael & Denise Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr. **And all suffering from Covid-19 and its effects.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Anthony Weinand, Doris Zarb, Vincent Attard, Daniel Simpson, Thomas Edward Holt, Maria Di Martino, Flor de la Cuesta, Rose Carroll, Eva Rose Hinde, Dawn Grigson, Bruno Chiera, Jeanette Edna James, Sr Margaret Finnan, Danny Connelly, Des George, Elizabeth Grippo, Bruno Chiera, Jeanette James, Adelina Ochoa, Monica Bokeyar, Marilyn Casey, Bernice Camilleri, Noel John Ancrum, Shirley Ann Appleby, John Francis Paul, Justin King, Mark John Nussbaum.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:** Barry Harth, Elaine Presswood, Blanche Burgis, Albert Burgis, Maria Tranthihoa, Veronica & Alan Bond, Philip Taplin, Margaret Corney, Mary March, Fanny Macky, Paul Damian Wyatt, John Maurice Quilligan, Liberata Mario (Lib) Meo, Tom Killin, Keith Smith, Kazimierz Zolerowski, Lee Cross, Noeline Davies, Lee Cross, Margaret Netting, Tadeusz Wieslaw (Ted) Szczesny, Ella Maria Cross, John Vizzard, Peter Robert Noble Beasley, Andrea Kujawa, David Gerald Fioravanti, John Hanna, Rita McCarthy (Bp Michael's Mother), Allan Taranto, Maria Nazari, Maureen Murphy.

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## LINKS & RESOURCES

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources.

**Liturgy for you at Home (produced by SPP):** <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

**Weekly Homily (produced by SPP):** <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com>

**Surfers Paradise Parish Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/surferscatholic/>

**Breaking Parish News (SPP Blog):** <https://news-parish.blogspot.com/>

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## Next Sunday's Readings

**Readings for Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Year B**

**FIRST READING:** Num 11: 25-29

**Ps:** Ps 19: 8, 10, 12-13, 14 "The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart."

**SECOND READING:** Jas 5: 1-6

**Gospel Acclamation:** (cf. John 17: 17b+a) Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth. Make us holy in the Truth.

**GOSPEL:** Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

**Acknowledgement of Country - This is Kombumerri Country - The Traditional Custodians of this region.**

*We respectfully acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First People of this country. We pay our respects to the Kombumerri people, who are the traditional custodians of the land, waterways and seas upon which we live, work and socialise throughout this Catholic Parish of Surfers Paradise. We acknowledge Elders, past and present and emerging, as they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of our Indigenous people. We pay tribute to those who have contributed in many ways to the life of the community. We affirm our commitment to justice, healing, and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.*

**Commitment To Child And Vulnerable Adult Safety**

*"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.*