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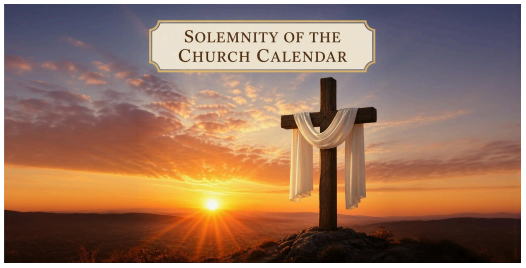
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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish E-Newsletter

Sunday, November 22, 2026

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year A

SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH



Fr Paul PP, Fr Sijo AP.
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Email: surfers@bne.catholic.net.au
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Emergencies: Priest contactable via office phone (after hours, follow the menu prompts)
https://tinyurl.com/SPCPsite

"Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me" (Matthew 25:45)

Readings for Sunday, November 22, 2026 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year A
FIRST READING- Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
Ps 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want"
SECOND READING- 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Mark 11:9b+10a). Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our Father David.
GOSPEL- Matt 25:31-46



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We congratulate the Madini, Pevitt, Pulham, Kortum and Malooy families whose children - Zuri, Alexander, Ruby, Stella and Gavin will be baptised in our Parish this week. Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.

PASTOR'S POST -

On the Feast of Christ the Universal King, we celebrate the final Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. As we reflect on endings and beginnings, it is fitting that we remember Jesus reigns over all heaven and earth. In Revelation 22:13, we hear His eternal authority: "Christ yesterday and today." At the Easter vigil, the Paschal Candle proclaims the same truth—the beginning and the end are held in Christ. He is the Alpha and the Omega, and all time belongs to Him.

The Church year gently differs from the calendar year, but its meaning is clear: Christ has already won the victory over sin and death, and now, in God's plan, He is King of the Universe. God's Kingdom is already present among us and within us, though it is not yet fully revealed. At the end of time, all things will be brought under Christ's feet.

Meanwhile, disciples are called to help build that Kingdom through ordinary choices and everyday actions. God's reign is marked by peace, justice, and compassion. Nothing can ultimately stand against it, because its foundations are firm and everlasting.

This feast also invites us to ponder Christ as the anointed Messiah, King and Priest—truth beautifully expressed in Psalm 109 (110), where God says, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool." As Pope Benedict XVI reflected, this Psalm reveals Christ enthroned in glory, whose priesthood and kingship defeat evil and bring life through the Eucharist.

So we look to Christ and pray to follow Him in service, obedience, and love—until the Kingdom is fully revealed.
Amen.

Fr Paul

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Surfers Paradise Parish
Children's Liturgy
CELEBRATION
COME CELEBRATE THE END OF TERM WITH FOOD AND FUN ACTIVITIES.
6th Dec | After 9am Mass
Parish Hospitality Centre
Sacred Heart Church

PARISH YOUNG ADULTS GROUP- reflection

Reflection on Psalm 23. 🙏🏼

The image of God as a shepherd appears throughout scripture and for good reason; to see God as a shepherd and us as his flock richly evokes our dependence on him and his care for us. A flock of sheep is vulnerable and it is the shepherd's task to protect and guide them. What this psalm so beautifully describes is a life of trust in God; when we entrust ourselves to his care he guides us, nourishes us and protects us so that we can be with him. It also serves as a reminder that even though we will not always have the answers and sometimes the journey will be difficult we are following a shepherd who knows the way. In modern life we often feel like we have to take everything into our own hands and form our own paths but as this psalm tells us true contentment is found by following him and trusting the path he has formed for us.

From Will - For Surfers Paradise Parish Youth Group "Ignis Dei" (Fire of God)



Good News -The Rug Project is continuing!



Thanks to the generosity of the Art and Craft Group of OUR PARISH!
Mary Lepp and Sr Lis have been searching for a group to take over and make use of the wool that is filling Mary's Lounge Room!
When one door is closed, God opens another one! It proves that this is God's project
and OUR PARISH is part of His Plan in caring for those in need, who are so often ignored and forgotten.
These wonderful Parish women have given us beautiful rugs and soft toys which will accompany the wheel chairs
that give disabled children in disadvantaged countries, an opportunity for a new life they so richly deserve.
Thank you ALL for your generosity and support.
We are so proud and grateful our project can continue to show the face of love and compassion
to our brothers and sisters in need.
God bless you all. Blessings, Mary Lepp and Sr Lis.


AFTER LAST WEEK'S INCIDENT, I'VE DECIDED WE WILL NO LONGER BOW OUR HEADS TO PRAY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SONG CONTEST

We are pleased to share with you an invitation to the **Saint Bakhita Song Competition**, part of the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking (8 February 2027) and the journey toward World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul.

Children and young people up to 35, as well as choirs and parish, school, youth and community groups, are invited to compose a short original song for contemplative prayer, carrying a message of hope, peace and human dignity. Five winning songs will be launched on 8 February 2027, and each will receive a prize of $1,000 USD.

Songs should be simple and meditative, with lyrics of up to 4 lines or 30 words, and a maximum duration of 30 seconds for a single iteration of the melody.

Entries must be sent by **15 December 2026** to **feb8@talithakum.info** The full guidelines, with the list of required materials, are in the attached document.

We warmly encourage you to share this invitation with the young people, parishes and groups in your organisations.



During the month of November, we remember all the faithful departed, our family members and friends.

You are invited to write the names of your deceased family members and friends in the

Book of Remembrance

located at the rear of the church.

They will be prayed for at all our Masses during November.

If you would like a Mass offered for your loved ones during November, yellow envelopes for Mass for the Holy Souls

are located at the back of the Church. Please drop them onto the collection plate or hand into the vestry, or parish office.


Happy
Birthday


Happy
Birthday

SVDP Christmas Appeal Surfers Paradise Conference

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

As Christmas approaches, it's a time when many of us look forward to celebrating with family and friends, sharing a special meal, exchanging gifts and enjoying the happiness that this season brings.



Christmas is a time for giving, sharing and caring for one another. Sadly, for many families and individuals in our community, Christmas can be a difficult time, with some struggling to afford even the basic necessities.

This Christmas, we are asking our wonderful parish community to open their hearts and support our Surfers Paradise St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.

On the weekend of 21st & 22nd November Vincentians will hand out scrolls with specific items you can contribute as a gift towards our Christmas hampers. Each year, this appeal allows for the distribution of hampers to companions and families In our community who are struggling due to financial difficulties. Please drop off donations no later than Thursday 10 th December as our Christmas hampers will be available for pick up or distribution on Sunday 13 th December 2026.

On the weekend of the 28 th and 29 th November, the SVDP Surfers Paradise conference annual Christmas appeal will take place with collections at the end of every Mass. This financial appeal is critical for our conference to assist those in need!

In the last 12 months local Vincentians have done 664 visits and assisted 1,351 people directly and indirectly. We have provided financial assistance of $95,962, in-kind assistance (Christmas hampers, food and Vinnie's gift cards for clothing etc.) of $16,506. Total value of assistance provided $112,468.

Due to high cost of living and housing crisis we are seeing many new companions reaching out for assistance. With your ongoing support, we can continue to provide comfort and tangible assistance to help people get back on their feet. Local Vincentians offer help in many forms, including food, clothing, furniture, rental assistance and companionship. Your generous donation will help us continue this good work. Should you wish for more detail on the activities of the conference, or would like to become a member please contact Conference President Wendy Webb via email: wendy.webb@svdpqld.org.au

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Greetings and blessings in Christ!

My name is Sr. Francis from Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres.

We warmly invite young people and adults to join us for an Advent Retreat on Saturday, 12th December 2026, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

As we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, this retreat will be an opportunity for participants to pause, reflect and deepen their relationship with God through an inspired talk, Holy Mass, prayer, group sharing and a special Christmas carol visit to elderly residents.

We would be most grateful for your support in promoting this event within your parish community, particularly among young people and adults aged

15–40.

If possible, could you kindly assist us by:

- Including the event information in your parish newsletter or weekly bulletin.
- Displaying the attached promotional flyer on your parish noticeboard.
- Sharing the flyer through your parish social media platforms or other communication channels.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, 12th December 2026
- Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
- Venue: 12 Fedrick St., Boronia Heights, QLD 4124
- Age Group: 15–40 years
- Cost: Free event, with lunch provided.

RSVP: spc.au.info@gmail.com

More information: www.srspcaustralia.org.au

Your assistance in sharing this invitation would be greatly appreciated. Through your support, we hope to reach more people and offer them an opportunity to experience the joy of Advent, encounter Christ and prepare their hearts for Christmas.

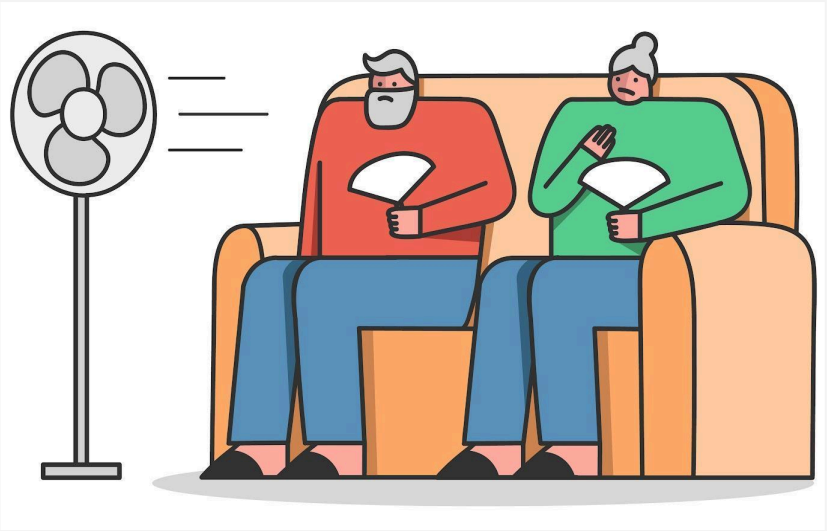
Thank you for your generosity, encouragement and continued support of our mission.

May the Lord bless you and your parish community abundantly.

With prayerful best wishes,

Sr. Francis Pham SPC

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility - https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/
Safeguarding Officer (relating to child safety and adults at risk) Robyn Hunt Safeguarding officer - contact lsr.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au
Safeguarding (Children and adults-at-risk)- The Archdiocese of Brisbane Whistleblower Hotline 1300 30 45 50



IT IS TIME FOR FANS

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN THE HEAT AND HUMIDITY STARTS TO CLIMB. AND EVEN ON WET DAYS IT IS MORE MUGGY THAN COLD. Around this time we make our usual announcement about our policy to balance different needs from many people. This is the same message and policy each year and we ask for everyone's cooperation and understanding.

<u>DURING CHURCH SERVICES - FANS</u> IN THE CHURCH DURING Spring and Summer <u>ARE TO BE LEFT ON</u> AND <u>DOORS TO BE LEFT OPEN</u> FOR AIR CIRCULATION AND BREEZES!

Please do not ask the coordinator to turn the fans off.
Also, please do not close the doors in the church as we need a flow of fresh air. Coordinators are following Church Health and Safety directions.
It may be necessary to relocate to another seat that may better suit your individual needs, or bring something warm to put on.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Book Launch: By Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. "A Strange Way Home"

at Sacred Heart Church - following 9am Mass At Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. Sunday 29th November 2026



Join us for the launch of A Strange Way Home, the autobiography of Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. The book traces Archbishop Coleridge's journey from Melbourne to Rome and his years of leadership in the Australian Church.

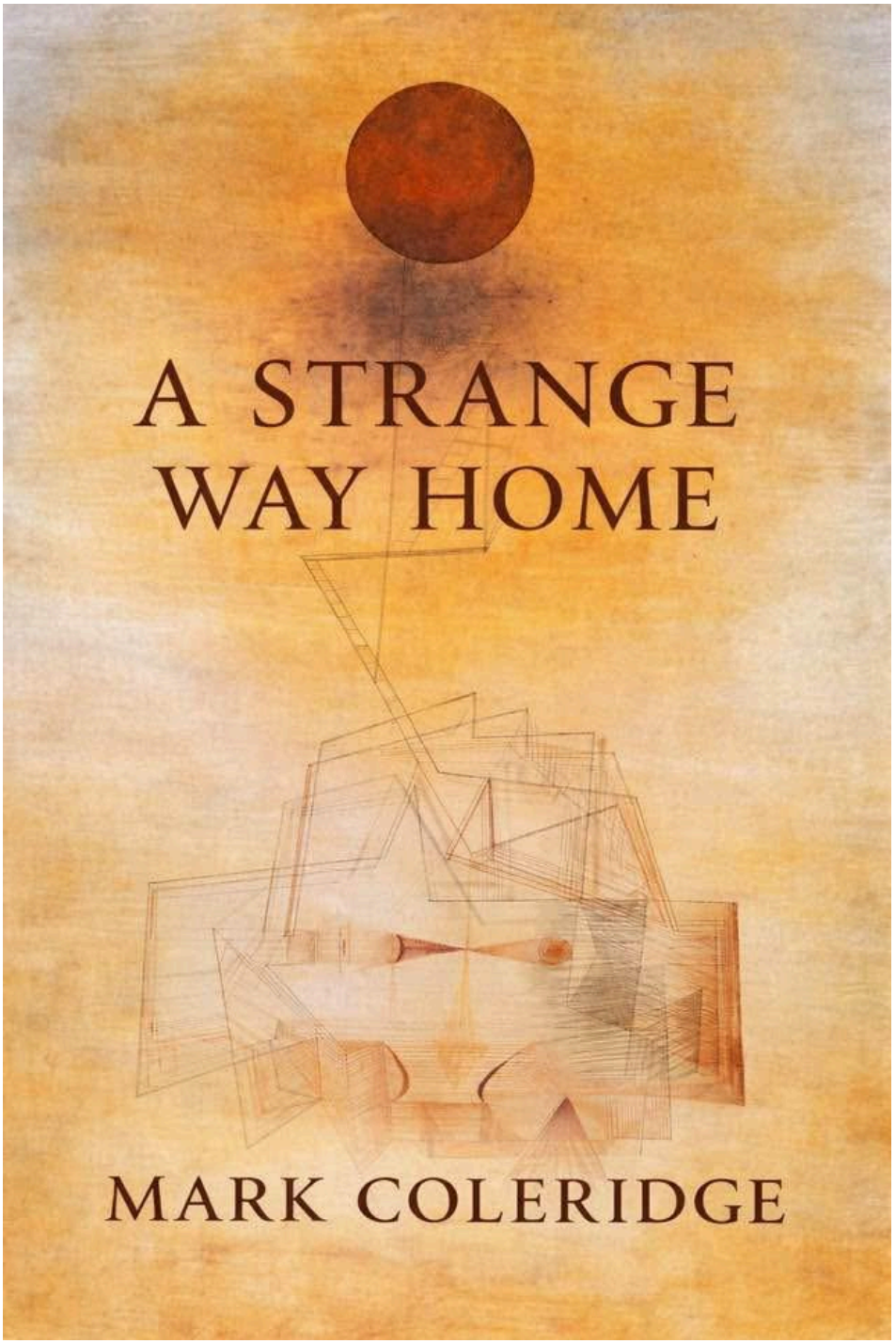
Written after his retirement and heart surgery, this 100,000-word memoir offers a personal, spiritual and historic account from a witness to major developments in the modern Church.

Speaker: • Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge.

Copies available for sale at the launch

Published by Connor Court Publishing, A Strange Way Home reflects on Archbishop Coleridge's life, ministry and the enduring value of storytelling.





A Strange Way Home - Mark Coleridge - Paperback, 310 pages, $39.95 - Hardback, 310 pages, $59.95

ISBN: 9781923568426 (Paperback) 9781923568860 (hardback)

A Strange Way Home is the story of a journey that spans continents and cultures, faith and family. In this deeply reflective memoir, Archbishop Mark Coleridge traces the path from his Irish, Scottish and English forebears, through childhood in Melbourne and Adelaide, to the classrooms of Melbourne University, the seminaries of Australia, the streets of Rome, and ultimately Archbishop's House in Brisbane.

More than a chronicle of events, this is an exploration of what it means to belong. Along the way, Coleridge wrestles with questions that confront every life: Who am I? Where do I come from? What does it mean to be at home? Through stories of family, friendship, loss, faith, vocation and leadership, he reveals how the search for home is often less about a place than a lifelong process of coming to terms with oneself, others, the Church and God. Written with candour, wisdom and literary grace, A Strange Way Home offers a rare glimpse into the life of one of Australia's most respected church leaders. Mark Coleridge served as Archbishop of Brisbane from 2012 to 2025 and previously worked in the Holy See's Secretariat of State after studies in Rome. A gifted preacher, scholar and communicator, he has been a leading voice in Australian Catholic life for more than four decades.

Part memoir, part meditation, and part spiritual autobiography, this is the story of a life shaped by faith and the enduring search for home.Mark Coleridge was ordained a priest of Melbourne in 1974. He studied in Rome and worked in the Vatican before being named Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in 2002, Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn in 2006, and Archbishop of Brisbane in 2012. He retired in 2025.
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Thank you for your patience as we upgrade the Marian Chapel. The regular Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Child is in storage while we repaint and update the chapel. In the meantime we have placed statues of Mary in other parts of the church for prayer until the chapel is restored.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - RED NOVEMBER



St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, bathed in red light for Red November (Melbourne Archdiocese/Peter Casamento)

For the first time, every Catholic archdiocese in Australia and New Zealand will unite in support of Aid to the Church in Need's Red November campaign, marking a historic show of solidarity with millions of Christians worldwide who face persecution because of their faith.



The milestone comes as 32 dioceses across Australia and New Zealand, including every archdiocese and four of the Eastern Catholic eparchies, have confirmed their participation this year.

Diocesan participation has more than tripled since 2023, reflecting the growing resonance of this important cause and a desire to respond through prayer, solidarity and practical action.

Red November is a global initiative of ACN, a pontifical foundation supporting suffering and persecuted Christians worldwide. Each November, the campaign unites Catholics worldwide in prayer and solidarity, shining a light on Christian persecution and inspiring practical action to support those suffering for their faith.

For Cardinal Mykola Bychok, ACN's Red November Ambassador, the plight of persecuted Christians is personal. His homeland's Ukrainian Catholic Church suffered more than 40 years of persecution under Soviet rule.

"When one member of the Body of Christ suffers, we all suffer. May our prayer, our public witness and our practical support remind our persecuted brothers and sisters that they are not alone," Cardinal Bychok said.

The growing response comes as ACN's recently released *Persecuted and Forgotten?* 2024-2026 report reveals that about 220 million Christians were directly exposed to persecution in 2023, with oppression worsening in 55 per cent of the countries surveyed.

Lukas Rajnoch, acting national director of ACN Australia and New Zealand, said the unprecedented participation was a powerful expression of unity with Christians suffering for their faith.

"To see every Catholic archdiocese across Australia and New Zealand standing together is a powerful expression of solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters. Whether it is a diocese, a small parish, a family or an individual, every act of prayer and solidarity matters," Mr Rajnoch said.

"Together, we remind Christians suffering for their faith that they are not forgotten and do not stand alone."

Internationally, the campaign centres on Red Wednesday, November 18, when churches and iconic buildings are illuminated in red.

In Australia and New Zealand, dioceses and parishes can participate on any suitable day throughout November. Details: www.rednovember.org.

2026 ONLINE SAFEGUARDING SURVEY



Help us improve!

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

SCAN HERE

ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

Help Strengthen Safeguarding in Our Parish Community

We are inviting Parishioners to Complete a short safeguarding survey.
Your feedback will help us understand what is working well and where we can continue to grow as safe, welcoming and respectful communities.

- ➢ Answer anonymously
- ➢ 2-3 minutes
- ➢ Every response matters

Scan the QR code above to get started

What Happens Next?
Survey responses will be reviewed by the Office for Safeguarding Services.
A summary of key themes and findings will be shared with parishes, together with any identified opportunities for improvement and future support.

Thank you for helping us strengthen a culture of safeguarding throughout the Archdiocese.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
Friday, 4th December 2026. At Sacred Heart Catholic Church. 50 Fairway Drive. Clear Island Waters. 4226. From 7 pm

FIRST SATURDAY MASS -
Saturday 5th December. 9 am, Sacred Heart Church. First Saturday schedule for Mass, Adoration and Benediction on the First Saturday of each month.

Anointing Mass – Mass of Healing FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (February-November Inclusive) FIRST Healing Mass for the Year
Tuesday 2nd of February 2027, At 10 am, followed by a cuppa and refreshments. Sacred Heart Catholic Church. 50 Fairway Drive. Clear Island Waters. 4226.

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Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish Youth Group

Ignis Dei (Fire of God)

Next gatherings

22 November 29 November (1st Sunday of Advent)

7 pm to 9 pm in the Parish Hospitality Centre

50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters

'COME AND SEE' - ACCEPT CHRIST'S INVITATION

8 November - we do not meet on that night as the Youth are involved in volunteering with Rosies for the monthly Sunday lunch BBQ with the homeless at St Vincent's.

Come along to Sacred Heart and enjoy a bite to eat, and journey with others in activities and reflection - ALL WELCOME.

IN PURSUIT OF PAUL - We are journeying with St Paul for the next few weeks.

In ADVENT we will follow the Archdiocesan Advent booklet
THE WAY OF THE HEART Daily Reflections for Advent Year B

Finishing with Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours (Divine Office).

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A Note on the Prayers of the Mass

One of the beautiful things about our parish community is the care people show for others. From time to time, parishioners contact us to ask why a particular tragedy, emergency, or developing situation has not been specifically mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful. Such enquiries are usually prompted by genuine compassion for those who are suffering, and for that concern we are deeply grateful.

The world carries many burdens, and at any given time there may be numerous situations requiring our prayer. While we seek to include significant local, national, and international needs in our intercessions, it is not always possible to mention every event by name.

Our liturgies are also prepared carefully in advance. The Prayers of the Faithful and other liturgical resources are often finalised and distributed before the weekend Masses so that those involved in the liturgy have time to prepare. Occasionally, an unexpected event may occur after those preparations have been completed.

At other times, a tragedy may be so recent that its full impact is not yet known. In the first hours or days following a major event, communities are still coming to terms with what has happened, families are being contacted, facts are being established, and the extent of the loss is still emerging. During those moments, we often find ourselves holding people in prayer even before we fully understand the magnitude of what has occurred.

This points to an important truth about the Church's prayer: it is never limited to the words printed on a page. Throughout the Mass there are moments of silence in which the faithful are invited to pray silently from the depths of their hearts. In these sacred pauses, each person brings before the Lord their own intentions, concerns, joys, and sorrows. It is here that the congregation naturally carries in prayer those affected by unfolding tragedies, conflicts, disasters, illnesses, and every other need that weighs upon the human family.

The Prayer of the Faithful is therefore not an exhaustive catalogue of the world's needs, but rather a way of gathering the prayers of the whole community and offering them to God. The spoken petitions and the silent prayers of the faithful together form a single act of intercession in which the joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties of God's people are lifted to the Lord.
We are thankful for those who remind us of the needs of others and who encourage us to keep our hearts open to the suffering of the world. Let us continue to pray for one another and for all who are carrying heavy burdens, confident that God hears not only the prayers spoken aloud, but also those entrusted to Him in the silence of faithful hearts. In every Mass, and in every sincere prayer, we place the needs of the whole world into the loving hands of God.

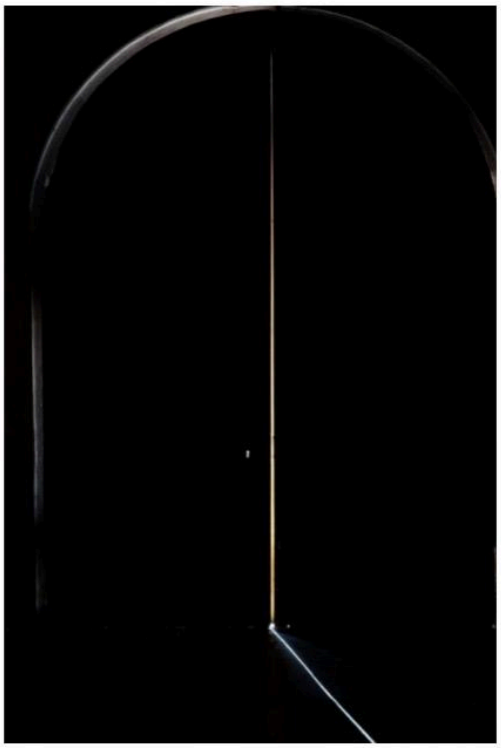
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LEARN TO MEDITATE

A Four-week Introductory Course

Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest. (Mt 11:28)

In a world that is never quiet, many of us long for a little silence — a way to step back from the constant noise outside us and the endless chatter within. We are offering a four-week introduction to Christian meditation—a simple practice of stillness and attention, rooted in the Christian contemplative tradition and open to people of any faith or none. Each session includes a short talk, a period of meditation together, and time for questions, and no experience is needed — you begin exactly where you are. Whether you are a regular member of our parish, someone in your family who feels overwhelmed by the pace of life, or a friend who has drifted from church or never quite found a home in any tradition, you are warmly welcome. Meditation asks nothing of you except a willingness to sit still and be present; it is not about becoming perfect, but about discovering the peace and depth that are already within you. Come and see — and bring someone you love.



Saturdays at 10:00am-11:00am (Qld)

St Monica's Centre, 485 Golden Four Drive, Tugun

- **Saturday, 21st November**
- **Saturday, 28th November**
- **Saturday, 5th December**
- **Saturday, 12th December**



Facilitated by Paul Jarvis.

Teacher of Study of Religion, Economics and Thinking Skills. 45 years in Catholic Schools in Wollongong, Sydney and Brisbane.

For more information and to register your interest, please contact:

Paul Jarvis at: jarvischristianmeditation@gmail.com

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Pastoral Care in Hospitals –

Centacare is seeking people interested in volunteering once each week to provide pastoral and spiritual care to Catholic patients in our public hospitals in our strongly established teams. The people we are seeking must have a qualification or significant background in a human service discipline with some level of formal theological training. If you are retired or semi-retired from such a career, in very good health, and have one morning per week available for a rewarding volunteer role in the spirit of the Gospel, please contact me for a no-obligation chat.

E: judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au

Mob: 0428 669 572

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2027 -Led by Fr Mauro Conte (of Coomera Parish)



*Price does not include international airfares or travel insurance.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2027 - Led by Fr Mauro Conte, St Mary's Catholic Parish, Upper Coomera

Join us on an unforgettable pilgrimage to the Holy Land, walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

St Mary's Catholic Parish, Upper Coomera, invites parishioners from across the deanery to join Fr Mauro Conte on a 10-night/11-day pilgrimage to the sacred places where Jesus lived, taught, performed miracles, suffered, died, and rose again.

This pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to deepen your faith, encounter Scripture in a new way, and experience Christianity's rich spiritual heritage in the very places where the Gospel unfolded.

Dates: 10-20 January 2027
Meeting Point: Amman, Jordan
Package Cost: $3,700 per person (twin share)
Single Supplement: Additional $1,300

The pilgrimage package includes land arrangements only. Pilgrims must arrange their own international airfares and travel insurance. This also allows flexibility for those who may wish to extend their travels before or after the pilgrimage.
While some may have concerns regarding recent events in the region, pilgrimages have resumed and groups have been travelling safely, returning home spiritually enriched by their experience.

Before making payment for the pilgrimage package, pilgrims are asked to book their international flights.
If you would like to be part of this extraordinary faith journey, please review the itinerary and register using the link below:
Register here: Holy Land Pilgrimage Registration
For further information and to request a copy of the itinerary, please contact St Mary's Catholic Parish, Upper Coomera – coomera@bne.catholic.net.au or 5558 0110.
"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." (Psalm 119:105)
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IN OUR PRAYERS

(Please let us know when to remove a name from the list).

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please also pray for the following, who are ill. (Alphabetical)

Robert Andreas, Joseph Antony, Milroy Antony, Ellen Ball, Nellie Bellinger, Mary and Leon Brosnan, Patsy Butterfield, Barry Campbell, Stephanie Clancy, Jo Clarke, Luke Conway, Gail and Bronis Dmitrinow, Lenore Dobbie, Cathy Doyle, Angela Duvenjak, Christopher Eid, Dawn Evered, Jill Falls, Maralyn Gow, Helen Haines, Jenny Haines, Ross Hawkins, Gary Haywood, Peter Hillard, Stephan Hillard, Carol Hunter, Maria Keating, Robyn and John Kennedy, Kath Kiely, Pope Leo, Nathan Lepp, Veronica Lubomski, Leonie McMahon, Mabs Monahan, Karina Muñoz, Selvam Muthu, Petra O'Donnell, Margaret Orme, Leslie Petroni, Edna Piddington, Hayden Putre, Rachel Raines, Marnia Ryan-Raison, Gary Thompson, Leonie and Leonardo Torcaso, Denise Tracey, Halina Turski.

RECENTLY DECEASED: (Chronological - Recent)

Bonita Lynch, Kathleen Anne Conway, Leanne Ma, John Sicher, Deborah Appleton, Clair Hanna, Jim Butterfield, Muriel Karunarathne, James Lindsay, Ines Zulli, Anne Maree Reed, Anita Gois, Ashley Trost.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:

Paul Tonna

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This week's Anniv. (Sunday, November 22, 2026 -Saturday, 28 November 2026)
Julio Astorga, Fr Stanislaus Barry, Fr Harold Buckley, Latina Adele Calista, Vincent Comito, Herbert Dawson, Eileen Dougherty, John Dougherty, Ryan Evalds Erglis, Fr Joseph Flannery, Neville James Fullerton, Paolo Galli, Jill Margaret Gill, Angela Mary Hawes, Joseph Horvatt, David Isbel, Arnold Jones, Ian Richard Garrick Kentley, Mons Grantly Lake, Anthony John Makin, Joy Margaret McNaught, Irene Bridget McPhie, Paul Louis France Melanie, Werner Meyer, Dalal Moussa, Fr Gerard (SVD) Mulholland, Mervyn Kenneth Nelson, Maria Hue Thi Nygen, Rev Dr Owen Oxenham, Shirley Ryan, Hans Lorenz Schrader, Fr John Shannon, Fr Neal Shannon, Leonardo Sorrenti, Joan Valmae Stewart, Dr Rodney "Michael" Tracey, David Valencour.

Last Weekend's Death Anniversaries: (Sun, Nov 15, 2026 -Sat, 21 Nov 2026)
Arthur Bocking, Fr Harold Buckley, Latina Adele Calista, Guiseppe (Joe) Canavo, Maurice Cook, Alfred Desira, Ryan Evalds Erglis, Fr Patrick Flanagan, Angela Mary Hawes, Eileen and John Dougherty, Ian Richard Garrick Kentley, Irene Bridget McPhie, Paul Louis France Melanie, Werner Meyer, Dr Rodney Michael Tracey (known as Michael), Mervyn Kenneth Nelson, Maria Hue Thi Nygen, Remedios Solatan, Leonardo Sorrenti, Jameal Tooma, Elizabeth Anne Topalov, Giacomo (Jack) Ulliana
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JOIN OUR 2027 TEAM



Be Part of the Story — Join the Moogerah Passion Play!

Have you ever wanted to be part of something truly special? Now's your chance! 🌟

Auditions are open for the Moogerah Passion Play— and we'd love for you to be involved. Whether you're a seasoned performer or stepping onto the stage for the first time, there's a place for you in this incredible community event.

No experience needed — just bring your enthusiasm and willingness to be part of the story!

Join us on Saturday 12th December 2026at Fassifern Community Centre.

4 Little High Street, Boonah QLD 4310

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY

WHY AUDITION?

- Be part of an inspiring and meaningful project.
- Connect with a vibrant and welcoming community.
- Showcase your talent in a unique and cherished production.
- Spread the joy and message of Easter through the magic of theatre.
& Have a whole lot of FUN while doing it.

ROLES AVAILABLE:

- Main Speaking Roles
- Crowd Roles
- Backstage crew (Sound/lighting/props/mics etc.)

Please note that to be eligible for a speaking role, we need you to attend this audition or submit a video audition for review, more minor crowd roles or backstage crew are not required although are encouraged to attend.

The New Way: Community



(post-baptismal catechesis for adults of every age - no matter how long one has been a catholic)
Eucharist - 7 PM
In the Parish Hospitality Centre. For more information, call Carlo on 0478 727 769

"An itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times." – St. John Paul II
In the early 60s, Francisco Argüello (Kiko), a Spanish painter, underwent a deep existential crisis, realising that his life had no meaning.
Eventually, he found his answer in the suffering of the innocent, which is the mystery of Christ Crucified. This experience led him to abandon everything and, following in the footsteps of Charles de Foucauld, live among the poorest of the poor in the Palomeras Altas shanty town.

There the Holy Spirit inspired him to "make Christian communities like the Holy Family of Nazareth, who live in humility, simplicity and praise where the other is Christ."

Kiko met Carmen Hernandez in Palomeras, where the first communities were born, founded on the tripod of the Word of God, the Liturgy and Community.

Carmen, who studied Theology, had direct contact with the renewal of the Church brought about by the Second Vatican Council. John Paul II recognised these communities as a 'fruit of the Council'.

The Neocatechumenal Way gradually spread to other archdioceses in Spain, then to Italy, and eventually around the world.

The Way – whose itinerary is lived in the parishes, in small communities – gradually leads the faithful to rediscover the richness of their baptism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly tells us that baptised infants must be given a post-baptismal catechumenate in order to bring the grace of the sacrament to fruition in the life of the person" (article 1231).

This is an authorised charism of the Catholic Church that has enriched the lives of many for the last 50 years and was described by St John Paul II as 'an itinerary of Catholic formation valid for our society and our times'. May the Virgin Mary who inspired this Way, intercede for us, that humility, simplicity and praise may appear among us. Let us all pray that this gift to the parish may bear fruit, fruit that will last!
Eucharist - 7 PM
In the Parish Hospitality Centre.
For more information, call Carlo on 0478 727 769
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A letter in the style of Jane Austen:

It has long appeared to me—indeed, with a kind of charitable alarm—that our Lord's meaning is perfectly plain, if only we had the courage to take it so. For what is the Gospel, if not an invitation to behave as though heaven's spectacles were not merely ornamental, but truly instructive? "Just as you did it to one of the least of these… you did it to me." A sentence so direct ought to unsettle the complacent, and yet it may be that we are all inclined to comfort ourselves with distinctions: the polite, the poor; the known, the unknown; the convenient, the troublesome.

There is, too, a story—whether literally true matters less than the lesson it carries. A recent monarch, of great renown, caught by a Scottish storm, requested an umbrella from a neighbour. The umbrella, being of the sort that promises much and performs little, proved full of holes. The next day, a message returned in the King's name, thanking the family for their kindness. Only then did the neighbour discover who stood on the threshold. Mortified, she confessed that, had she known, she would never have spared her umbrella so imperfectly.

But what, one wonders, is an umbrella—good or bad—compared with a human soul? The "who" should never ruin the "how." Today's Gospel demands that every doorstep be treated as a doorway to Christ himself. Whether the face belongs to a prince or pauper, hungry traveller or lonely prisoner, the honour due to God must govern our conduct.

And thus, in the strange arithmetic of mercy, love is not argued—it is acted. We shall be surprised at the bargain: that those we aid may also be the very mirror in which we are judged.

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THE JUBILEE YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (2026)



(Biography by G.K. Chesterton)
800TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

https://creator.nightcafe.studio/creation/Mpnwnj0tCCPWQ9FnvvoU?ru=Paul-Evangelion

The story of St Clare has often been wrapped in legend, and the popular narrative of her "elopement" invites romantic comparisons. Yet the matter is not meant to be reduced to modern love dramas. If Clare had simply run away in pursuit of romance—becoming, instead of a nun, a bride—then the modern world would likely have praised her as a heroine. The same defiance of parental authority, repeated in another setting, would have been celebrated as admirable passion. But because Clare's choice pointed toward religious life rather than marriage, sympathy tends to fade.

Still, age and intention complicate easy assumptions. Clare was said to be seventeen, while Juliet is only fourteen in her own famous tale. In medieval Europe, young people also married and fought at unusually early ages. More importantly, Clare's later life makes it implausible that she acted without conviction. She, like so many figures of her era, knew what she wanted—and what she chose was a devotion that she understood as real, not merely symbolic.

Modern romanticism, the author argues, recognises romantic love as genuine while often treating divine love as metaphor. This imbalance matters. If we take seriously the Franciscan worldview—where divine love can be more glorious than any romance—then Clare's "elopement" is not a scandalous flight but the fulfilment of a larger spiritual commitment. The episode becomes, in effect, a love story with a happy ending, with St Francis portrayed as the knight-errant who gives it shape.

Finally, Clare's revolt is presented as an early form of genuine self-authorship. She does not merely escape; she founds a movement that continues to shape the world. And beyond the cloisters, the Franciscan impulse extends into the Third Order—an influence that binds ordinary lives, including married lives, to a shared sympathy. The result is a

hidden, transformative "secret society" of followers whose breadth reveals Francis's true closeness to everyday humanity.

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Marian Valley Bus Trip

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley Church on Sunday 13th of December Our Lady of Fatima's devotion. Bus Leave sharp at 8.15 am from No 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters. The Cost of the bus fare return trip each day per person $35.00. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number as below
Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260,
Madeleine 5529 1573.

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Saint Vincent de Paul Society Reflections

St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

For more details on the conference's activities, please contact Conference President

CHRIST THE KING
Ezek 34: 11-12, 15-17
1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28
Mt 25: 31-46

In June of 1848, our founder Frederic Ozanam had been called to serve in the new citizens militia whose aim was to help maintain peace between the revolutionary young workers and the army of King Louis Philippe I.

One particular evening, Frederic invited Archbishop Afre, who was admired by both sides of the conflict to negotiate a cease fire by guaranteeing immunity to the insurgents. Archbishop Afre told Frederic that he had been hoping to do this for some time and set off to the barricades. Wearing his purple soutane and pectoral cross, Archbishop Afre climbed up the largest of the barricades holding the letter of immunity in his hands.

A member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul waved a white handkerchief in the air to signal a ceasefire. All were silent as Archbishop Afre read aloud the letter granting immunity to the revolutionaries. Insurgents and soldiers began to gather and reconciliation seemed imminent.

Without warning, a firearm was discharged, perhaps accidentally. Unsure of its origin, both sides began firing at each other.

Archbishop Afre, stuck in the crossfire was fatally wounded. The rebellion was soon defeated, with 16000 workers killed and another 14000 taken prisoner.
Frederic witnessed six such revolutions during his lifetime. He saw society shift from dictatorship to monarchy to republic. Frederic understood that underneath the seismic

shifts in government was the desire to establish a just society for all. Frederic also knew that a just society could not exist without it being under the kingship of Christ.

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we acknowledge that Jesus has been appointed by God the Father to institute a new and everlasting kingdom where justice will reign forever. In today's Gospel, we heard that in this kingdom, justice and love are inseparable for "whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

As Vincentians we are called, like the member on the barricades, to wave the white flag of peace and of love that heralds the institution of this Kingdom under the lordship of Christ. By waving this flag you become a witness to a hope that the revolutions of the world can never take away. (Reflection by Nirmal Nanayakkara)
How do you witness hope in your vocation as a Vincentian?

THIS WEEK...
"We are called not to be successful; we are called to be faithful" – Mother Teresa

PRAYER
Lord, we welcome you as our King and our God. Help us to be witnesses of the love of your new and everlasting kingdom.

MASS TIMES: SURFERS PARADISE MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart 50 Fairway Drive Clear Island Waters, 4226	**Saturday Night - 5 pm (Note: Reconciliations from 4-4.30 pm at Sacred Heart)** **+ (Maronite Mass, 6:30 pm, Saturday Night).** **+ 7 pm Neo-Cathecumenate Mass - Parish Hospitality Centre** **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** **Friday, 4th December 2026. At Sacred Heart Catholic Church. 50 Fairway Drive. Clear Island Waters. 4226. From 7 pm** **FIRST SATURDAY MASS -** **Saturday 5th December. 9 am, Sacred Heart Church. First Saturday schedule for Mass, Adoration and Benediction on the First Saturday of each month.** **Anointing Mass – Mass of Healing FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (February-November Inclusive) FIRST Healing Mass for the Year Tuesday 2nd of February 2027, At 10 am, followed by a cuppa and refreshments. Sacred Heart Catholic Church. 50 Fairway Drive. Clear Island Waters. 4226.**
St Vincent's 36 Hamilton Avenue.	**Sunday - 9 am & 11 am**

Surfers Paradise 4217	Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm every Sunday *Extra parking is available only metres from St Vincent's Church, King's Car Park, entry via Beach Road. Also, Remembrance Drive opposite the church, next to the Essentia Building.*
Stella Maris 254 Hedges Avenue, Broadbeach, 4218	Saturday - 5 pm Sunday - 7 am

Hispanic (Latino American) Mass: Fr. Luis Antonio Diaz Lamus 5:30 pm Mass - St Vincent's Catholic Church, Surfers Paradise. Gold Coast Contact: Juan Arrieta. For more information, please email: surfers@bne.catholic.net.au
Polish Mass: Fr Jerzy Prucnal (Bowen Hills 3252 2200). 12:30 pm Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters. Gold Coast Contact: George Syrek 0411 302 802 -
Italian Mass: Sunday, Sacred Heart Church at 4 p.m. For further information about the Italian Mass on the Gold Coast, please contact Fr Luis Antonio Diaz Lamus (Scalabrinian Missionary) at ladl71@hotmail.com or Giovanna at gianna52@hotmail.com -
Maronite Mass: Fr Fadi Salame 0421 790 996. The 6.30 pm Maronite Saturday Vigil is at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters.

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HOSPITAL CALLS - AROUND THE DEANERY -

HELP THE PRIESTS OF THE DEANERY RESPOND TO URGENT CALLS EFFECTIVELY BY CALLING THE FOLLOWING PARISHES' FIRST RESPONDERS TO NEEDS WITHIN THE HOSPITALS LISTED.

To address pastoral needs efficiently and promptly across the Catholic parishes of the Gold Coast, parishes in this Deanery practice that the first call for emergencies goes to the priests of the parish where the hospital is located. Here is a helpful guide to the hospitals and their attendant priests. Nursing home calls follow the same procedure: the first priest to call is from the parish where the Nursing Home is located. Please help us serve the region effectively and prevent response delays by calling the nearest parish.

- Robina Hospital - Burleigh Heads Parish. 5558 0120
- Pindara Hospital - Surfers Paradise Parish. 56717388
- John Flynn Hospital - Coolangatta-Tugun Parish. 5598 2165
- University & Mater Gold Coast.- Southport Parish. 5510 2222

CHILDHOOD SACRAMENTS - 2027



Baptism

- Who: Birth to 7 years (older children may need extra preparation)
- Enrolment & booking: Online via the Parish website surfersparadiseparish.com.au (Sacraments > Baptism) with 2 steps to follow:

'Please click each link separately in the parish website'



- Eligible are CHILDREN aged from BIRTH to 7 years old
  Email enquiries: surfers@bne.catholic.net.au
- Children aged 8+ years: email - sacramental.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au to start the preparation process
- When: Mostly on Sundays, 10:30 am at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters
- Administrative/program fee: $130 (inclusive of the baptism stole with badge)

Confirmation 2027

(This program is now open and accepting enrolments)

- Who: BAPTISED CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 or greater (approximate age - 8 or 9 years old)
- Online enrolment via the Parish website surfersparadiseparish.com.au (Sacraments>Confirmation) with 2 steps to follow:

Register today so we can support your child's sacramental journey. Once registered please submit an enrolment form for your child.

STEP 1 - REGISTER | STEP 2 - ENROL

'Please click each link separately in the parish website'

- Confirmation ceremony dates:
  Friday 14 May 2027, 5:00 pm or Saturday 15 May 2027, 11:00 am

- Preparation: Preparation Program (parents + children)
  - Parent and Child to attend the following sessions in Sacred Heart Church:
  - Meeting 1: Tuesday 16 or Wednesday 17 March, 5.30pm
  - Meeting 2: Tuesday 13 or Wednesday 14 April, 5.30pm
  - Rehearsals: Tuesday 4 or Wednesday 5 May 2027, 5.30pm
- Administrative/program fee: $150 (Full Children's Sacramental Program)
- Administrative/program fee: $120 (If enrolling for partial program only)

- For more info: sacramental.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au
- All communications for this program will be from mail@flocknote.com

Eucharist (First Holy Communion) 2027
(This program is now open and accepting enrolments)

- Who: BAPTISED and CONFIRMED children in Year 4 or greater (approximate age - 9 or 10 years old)
- Online enrolment via the Parish website surfersparadiseparish.com.au (Sacraments>Eucharist) with 2 steps to follow:

Register today so we can support your child's sacramental journey. Once registered please submit an enrolment form for your child.

STEP 1 - REGISTER | STEP 2 - ENROL

'Please click each link separately in the parish website'

- When (sequence): All elements are required.

Parent/s and Child/ren to attend the following sessions in Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters

- Session 1: Tuesday 13 or Wednesday 19 July, 5:30pm
- Session 2: Tuesday 3 or Wednesday 4 August, 5.30pm
- First Reconciliation: Tuesday 17 August 2027, 5.30pm

- Rehearsals: Tuesday 24 or Wednesday 25 August, 5:30 pm
- First Communion Ceremony: Sundays of 5 September 2027 and 12 September 2027, both dates at 11:00 am
- Administrative/program fee: $150 (Full Children's Sacramental Program)
- Administrative/program fee: $120 (If enrolling for partial program only)
- All communications for this program will be from mail@flocknote.com

Notes:

If the child was confirmed in 2026, auto-included for 2027 preparation; no extra fee if already paid in 2026

If confirmed in another parish, follow the First Communion enrolment steps

How to enrol / info:

Parish site: surfersparadiseparish.com.au (Sacraments > First Holy Communion)

Enrol: STEP 1 REGISTER; STEP 2 ENROL

For more info: sacramental.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au



General

All sacraments at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, Qld 4226

Enrolment status or information requests: via parish site links or Sacramental Team emails above.

SACRED GROUNDS CAFE -

The Café - "Sacred Grounds" is Located at the Former Atrium Building near the Sacred Heart Church.



Dmitri, Svetlana and Demid Schodin, are the operators of Sacred Grounds Cafe on the grounds of the parish. They are a very friendly, lovely, young family. The cafe's food is delicious, and the atmosphere is vibrant and warm. Come and make them feel welcome and support a local business! **The Sacred Grounds will be open from 7 am to 4 pm each day. They specialise in Coffee, breakfasts, lunches, and a takeaway menu, and they even bake on premises!**

The café near the Sacred Heart Church is a wonderful gathering place for parishioners, school parents, staff, and
the wider public. The café is in the old Atrium building.

This allows community building whilst giving the church the space it needs for its Masses, Weddings, Baptisms and solemn Funerals. Please support this excellent continuation of the parish vision.



NOTICES AND MESSAGES - Our parish number is 5671 7388

RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS - SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S CHURCHES

All your favourite annual resources have arrived.
Daily mass books,
Christmas cards,
Columban calendars,
God's Word
Advent Reflection books

ART AND CRAFT GROUP

The Group meets in the Parish Hospitality Centre on Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 noon. Activities include

- Art (watercolour, oils, acrylics, pen and ink drawing, etc.)
- Various kinds of Craftwork (Knitting, Embroidery, Crocheting, Card making, Sewing, etc.)
- Making Rosary Beads (later sent to the missions)
- And any other activities that individuals may have an interest in, or you can bring in your own ideas. A very relaxing and social environment - meet new friends! You are most welcome to join. **For further information, phone the Parish Office.**

THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB-

Sacred Heart Bridge Club - Join Our Bridge Club! - Meet, Play, and Enjoy the Game of Bridge. Looking for a fun, social, and stimulating activity? Whether you're a returning player or a beginner wanting to learn, our Bridge Club welcomes players of all levels!
Where: Hospitality Room
When: Monday and Wednesday from 1.00 pm
Contact: Cheryl on 0417 772 701
✔ Friendly Atmosphere ✔ Lessons for Beginners ✔ Weekly Games ✔ Tea, Coffee & Good Company! Come for the cards, stay for the camaraderie!

WCCM - WORLD COMMUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

This meditation group meets each Tuesday in the Morris Prayer Room located at 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters. Meditation starts from 10 am to 10:30 am. If you are new to meditation, we will assist you in learning about WCCM and the practice of Christian Meditation. For more information, please contact Pam Egberts at 0493 742 670.

SACRED HEART ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Please join us to pray The Stations of the Cross, The Divine Mercy and The Rosary each day at 8:00 am at the Sacred Heart Church before 9 a.m. Mass, Monday through Friday, including First Saturdays.

YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE -

Join us for our social class in the Parish Hospitality Centre next to the Parish Office. Classes run every Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. Learn to relax while gaining greater flexibility, inner strength, body awareness, and concentration, while increasing your breath support and overall well-being. Ruth is an IYTA-accredited instructor with extensive experience and offers a caring, carefully monitored one-hour session for $10 (new attendees, please arrive by 10:30 a.m. to prepare adequately for class). For more information, please email surfers@bne.catholic.net.au.

OUR LADY'S STATUE -

Praying the Rosary - Our Lady's Statue in the Parish - Details of the Statue of Our Lady are going around the Parish. If you would like her in your home and to say the Rosary, please contact Maxine or Pat. For more information, please email: psela@bigpond.com or surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

16/11/26 Joseph & Rose Pindo Robina
23/11/26 Nardine & Eileen Merrimac
30/11/26 Nardine & Eileen Merrimac
07/12/26 Helen & Thor Merrimac
14/12/26 Helen & Thor Merrimac
21/12/26 Merla & Rodney Molendinar
28/12/26 Merla & Rodney Molendinar
04/01/27 Merla & Rodney Molendinar

EXERCISE CLASS - LOW IMPACT - FOR HEART HEALTH (Last session for the year 2026 will be on 15 December - resumes TBA)

Join Rochelle for a fun, functional exercise class at Casey Hall. Low-impact cardiovascular exercises for heart health improve strength and balance; an all-around fitness class for over-65s. Stretch and strengthen the whole body, make new friends and feel great. Tuesday mornings @9.30 Beginners welcome. Contact Rochelle. For more information, please email: surfers@bne.catholic.net.au or call 07 5671 7388.

BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER GROUP - ST VINCENT'S CHURCH, SURFERS PARADISE.

The Bible Study Prayer Group meets every Friday from 5 pm-6 pm at St Vincent's Church (40 Hamilton Ave, Surfers Paradise).
Join us for a read/study break and open The Word weekly from 5 pm to 6 pm. For further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office. **surfers@bne.catholic.net.au**

PRAYER GROUP - SPANISH SPEAKER

Jesús de la Misericordia. Invites you to participate on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 11 am to 2 pm. Place: Hospitality Room. Sacred Heart Church. "We praise, we praise, we grow spiritually from the Word of the Lord." For more information, please contact Grace. For more information, please email: grace.flowers.art@hotmail.com or surfers@bne.catholic.net.au.

SACRED HEART CHURCH PARKING

A special notice: when parking, please leave the emergency and taxi pickup "yellow painted area" clear for ambulances or brief taxi drop-off and pickup and the disabled parking areas are only for disability permit holders. Thanks for your assistance in

ensuring this important compliance]

A VOCATION VIEW:

The Church year ends today. We can proclaim Christ as King because we sense our vocation as being members of Christ's Royal Family, called to serve God and one another.

To talk to someone about your vocation, contact Vocation Brisbane: 1300 133 544.
vocation@bne.catholic.net.au and www.vocationbrisbane.com



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION -

"…whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." – MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

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

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TAKE FIVE FOR FAITH - Save the best for last.

"He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'" (Matthew 25:31-46)

The film industry has always had a love affair with the afterlife. From It's a Wonderful Life to Heaven Can Wait to Ghost to Flatliners, stories remind us that our choices in this world have ramifications in the next. More recent shows—Dead Like Me, The Good Life, After Life, and Hotel del Luna—are less traditionally religious but no less curious about what comes next. Every culture and generation seems to sense the need for spirit guides and guardians, as well as justice and an hour of reckoning. As the church year closes, contemplate the ledger of your years. Does it add up to a heavenly ending?

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THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL

-To listen to the whole Sunday Mass each week (including homily) from Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, including the Easter Mass - please visit this link:
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Homily:



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https://creator.nightcafe.studio/creation/D0GD6PE0kbaOVpr01X21/jesus-christ-as-universal-king-serene-and-radiant-wearing-simple-white-rough-robes-with-a-crown-of-t?ru=Paul-Evangelion

The gospel this weekend is very special. I have always found that it goes to the heart of Jesus' message and mission. How different the world would be if all people took this gospel at face value—quite literally: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these… you did it to me."

There is a story told (not sure if this actually happened, but it is still a great story) of Queen Victoria, who went on a vacation to Scotland and, one day, took a walk on one of her estates.

On the country walk, the Queen was dressed very discreetly in comfortable, discreet walking clothes. A storm blew up, and Queen Victoria retreated to a neighbour's house, asking if they would kindly lend her an umbrella. The neighbour, not recognising this person on the steps in the pouring rain, begrudgingly lent the umbrella. But when the Queen walked off and opened it, it was full of holes and quite useless.

The next day, the Queen sent one of her attendants back to return the umbrella, with a polite note of thanks for their kindness in lending her their umbrella in a time of need. When the neighbour saw the regal attendant and realised the truth of who the visitor was,

she was mortified and said in explanation: "I am so sorry—if I had known it was Her Majesty, I wouldn't have given her that umbrella." (Well, whether that situation happened or not, the point is a good one.)

What did it matter who it was? Why would you give anyone an umbrella with holes in it—utterly useless for its purpose—irrespective of who they were? Anyone who turns up on our doorsteps is not only possibly royalty in disguise. Today's gospel calls upon us to treat everyone with the reverence and graciousness we would give to Christ himself. Why can we humans be tempted to make distinctions in the ordinary matter of respecting human dignity, which is actually due to all people? Whether they be prince or pauper, the Lord says, "What you do to these… you do it to me."

If the world took this very seriously and literally, the world would change profoundly. All humans would have the dignity and respect befitting God, who lovingly created them. Which, I believe, is the intention of Our Lord's parable.

The reading from Ezekiel is also very fitting. The Lord will be our shepherd; he will lead us, guide us, heal us, and seek the lost, feed us… (The "fat sheep" come in for some very negative comment in this gospel, because in this narrative they have pushed around the others, and not let them eat or have pasture. The well-off sheep have scattered the poor, needy sheep, and the master is very unhappy with this.)

God recognises that among the people (and among every group of people) there are some who are struggling and experiencing weakness (as all of us do at different times), and some who are feeling lost, disconnected, and injured—well as those who are strong and satisfied. And the co-responsibility of people to support and encourage each other is an expectation of the Kingdom.

Our Lord instructs us that every time you look into the face of one who is hungry, the face of a person who thirsts, the face of a stranger, the face of someone in need, or someone who is ill, or a prisoner—any time you look at even those who might be regarded as "the least" (by some)—there, you are looking and seeing the face of the Lord. And how we respond to these people is how we are taken to be responding to the Lord himself.

Jesus tells us this parable because he wants us to take this message quite literally and act upon it.

In the parable, everyone gets a surprise about this news—the "sheep" and the "goats" alike. Neither realised that when they fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the sick, visited the prisoner, and welcomed the stranger, they were helping Christ himself. The wicked certainly didn't know this. But in this parable, even the righteous—who helped these people—didn't realise that, by acting this way, they were serving Christ himself.

The Gospel from Saint Matthew reminds us that we will be judged on how well we loved. It is the way that we love one another that reveals whether we love God or not. This love for one another will confirm whether we are truly close to God or far from God.

We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. And we ask for God's guidance and grace as we look out for others—especially the most vulnerable. We move forward, joyfully remembering always that the Lord is good. His mercy and faithfulness endure from age to age.

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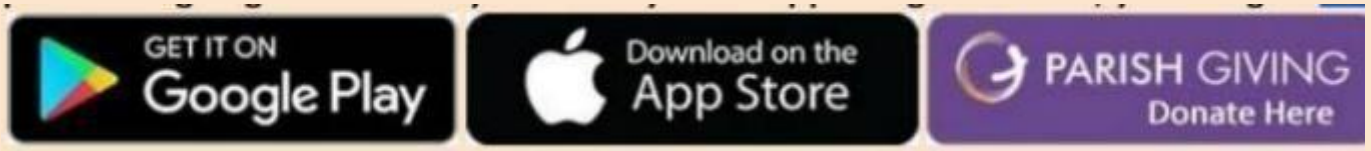
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If you can continue to support us, we would be most grateful. We thank all who have made payments by credit card and those who have donated directly to the parish account. The pay-wave or tap-and-go machines on the timber stands in our Churches are also a safe and handy way to donate to the Parish. God bless you for your support. If you want confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed, please contact me at slaters@bne.catholic.net.au .

To join planned giving, please contact the Parish Office: (07) 56717388 (9 am–2 pm Mon-Thursday or 9 am-12 noon Fri).

Also - Bequest information. If you wish to make a Bequest in your will, please contact the Parish Office - surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

THE WISDOM OF THE SAINTS:

INSPIRING QUOTES OF (or about) THE SAINTS:

(Sunday, November 22, 2026 -Saturday, 28 Nov 2026)

- **St Cecilia:**
  - **"Death and hell combine to distract man with a thousand useless cares, and to engage his thoughts with a multitude of imaginary wants."-St. Cecilia**
  - **"We pray you to please help us as His fair praise we sing! We lift our hearts in joyous song to honour Him this way."-St. Cecilia**

- **St Columban (543-615)**
  - **"We, indeed, are, as I have said, chained to the Chair of Saint Peter."**
  - **"Be gentle to the weak, firm to the stubborn, steadfast to the proud, humble to the lowly."**
  - **"Be helpful, when you are, at the bottom of the ladder and be the lowest, when you are in authority."**
  - **"Be slow to anger, swift to learn, slow also to speak, as St James says, equally swift to hear." "Be respectful to the worthy, merciful to the poor." "Be mindful of favours, unmindful of wrongs."**

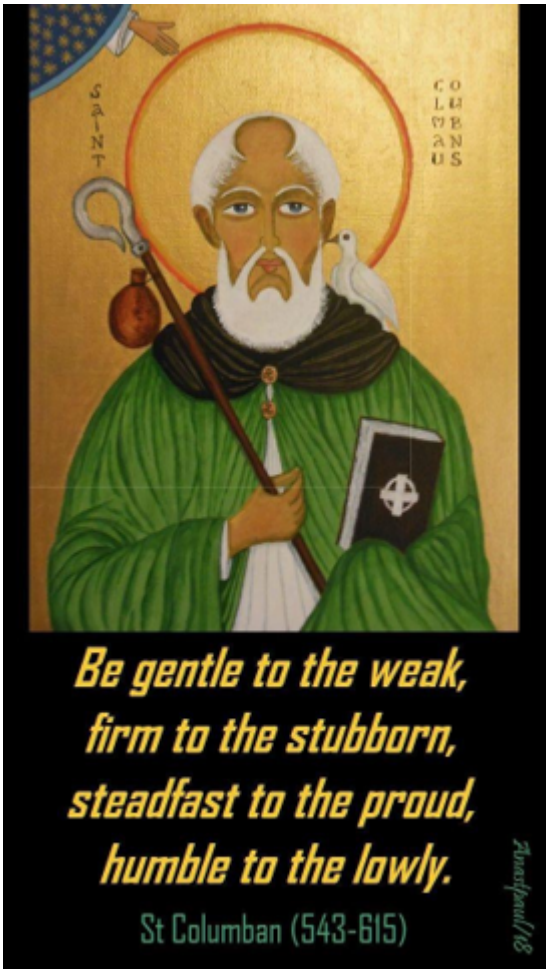
- **St Clement**
  - **Follow the saints, because those who follow them will become saints.**
  - **This world and the world to come are two enemies. We cannot, therefore, be friends to both; but we must decide which we will forsake and which we will enjoy.**
  - **We should let God be the One to praise us and not praise ourselves. For God detests those who commend themselves. Let others applaud our good deeds.**
  - **Charity unites us to God... There is nothing mean in charity, nothing arrogant. Charity knows no schism, does not rebel, does all things in concord. In charity, all the elect of God have been made perfect.**
  - **Who can describe the bond of God's love? Who is able to explain the majesty of its beauty? The height to which love leads is indescribable. ... In love the master received us, Jesus Christ our Lord, in accordance with God's will gave his blood for us, and his flesh for our flesh, and his life for our lives.**
  - **Filthy talk makes us feel comfortable with filthy action. But the one who knows how to control the tongue is prepared to resist the attacks of lust**
  - **... faithfully and strenuously you should resist the heretics in defence of the only true and life-giving faith, which the Church has received - the apostles and imparted to her sons. For the Lord of**

all gave to His apostles the power of the Gospel, through whom also we have known the truth, that is, the doctrine of the Son of God: to whom also did the Lord declare: 'He who hears you, hears Me; and he who despises you, despises Me, and Him who sent Me' (Lk. 10:16).

- ➔ St Andrew Dung-lac & Companions
  - Image: St Andrew Dung-Lac and Companion Martyrs | photo by Lawrence OP | flickr
  - Prayer from the Mass of the Saint - O God, source and origin of all fatherhood, who kept the Martyrs Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and his companions faithful to the Cross of your Son, even to the shedding of their blood, grant, through their intercession, that, spreading your love among our brothers and sisters, we may be your children both in name and in truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

- ➔ St Catherine of Alexandria
  - Text about St Catherine: - From this martyr's uncommon knowledge, wisdom and learning, and the extraordinary spirit of piety by which she sanctified her learning, and the use she made of it, she is chosen in the schools the patroness and model of Christian philosophers.
  - "If you are ruled by the mind you are king, if by the body you are a slave."
  - Catherine was known for her beauty. One night, Catherine dreamed that she accompanied the hermit to a sanctuary, whence Angels came to meet her. She fell on her face before them, but one of the Angelic band bade her, "Rise, dear sister, Catherine, for the King of glory delighteth to honour thee." She rose and followed the Angels to the presence of the Queen of Heaven, who was surrounded by Angels and Saints and was beautiful beyond description. The Queen welcomed her and led her to her Divine Son, Our Lord. But He turned from her, saying: "She is not fair and beautiful enough for Me." Catherine awoke at these words and wept bitterly until morning. She then sent for the hermit and inquired what would make her worthy of the Heavenly Bridegroom. The saintly recluse instructed her in the true Faith and, with her mother, she was Baptised. That night, in a dream, the Blessed Virgin and her Divine Son again appeared to her. Mary presented her to Jesus, saying: "Behold, she has been regenerated in the water of Baptism." Then Christ smiled at her and plighted His troth to her by putting a ring on her finger. When she awoke, the ring was still there, and thenceforth, Catherine despised all earthly things and longed only for the hour when she should go to her Heavenly Bridegroom.




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COLUMBANUS
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St Columban (543-615)



PAPAL REFLECTION

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Pope Leo XIV:

The following is not a direct quote from Pope Leo, but it is consistent with his and his predecessor's understanding of the concept of Synodality:

What "synodality" generally means (Catholic sense)

1. **The Church as "walking together"**
    - Synodality means the Church involves the whole People of God—**bishops, clergy, religious, and lay faithful**—in a structured process of listening, consultation, discernment, and decision-making under the authority of the bishops and the Pope.
2. **Listening before deciding**
    - A key feature is **listening**: listening to Scripture, Tradition, the sensus fidei (the lived faith of the faithful), and the experience of local churches.
3. **A process of discernment**
    - "Synodal" does not mean just polling opinions; it emphasizes **discernment** guided by the Holy Spirit and by ecclesial authority.
4. **A style of governance**
    - Synodality is described as a **"way of being"** and **"way of acting"** (a church-wide method), not merely an event.

What "synodality" generally does *not* mean

1. **It does not mean "democracy" in the political sense**
    - Catholic synodality is **not** majority rule where the laity simply vote and decide doctrine or governance on their own authority.

    - Final authority remains with the proper ecclesial offices (bishops, and ultimately the Pope), though the process genuinely integrates input.
2. **It does not mean the Church stops being hierarchical**
    - Synodality is meant to operate *within* a sacramental and hierarchical Church structure, not replace it.
3. **It does not mean "changing doctrine" by consultation**
    - Listening and discussion can inform decisions, but **doctrine is not determined by popularity**.
    - The Church distinguishes between:
        - **discernment about pastoral approaches**, and
        - **doctrinal definitions**, which require deeper levels of authority and continuity with Tradition.
4. **It does not mean the laity can bypass bishops**
    - Lay participation is real, but it is participation **in communion**, under ecclesial order.

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EXPLORING OUR FAITH -



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The Anointing of the Sick-

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

"Christ invites his disciples to follow Him by taking up their cross in their turn. By following Him, they acquire a new outlook on illness and the sick. Jesus associates them with His own life of poverty and service." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1506)

"By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them. and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1499)

1514 The Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived."129

1515 If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be

repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. the same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced.

" . . . let him call for the presbyters of the Church"

1516 Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick.130 It is the duty of pastors to instruct the faithful on the benefits of this sacrament. the faithful should encourage the sick to call for a priest to receive this sacrament. the sick should prepare themselves to receive it with good dispositions, assisted by their pastor and the whole ecclesial community, which is invited to surround the sick in a special way through their prayers and fraternal attention.

Effects of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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IV. The Effects of the Celebration of This Sacrament

1520 A particular gift of the Holy Spirit. the first grace of this sacrament is one of strengthening, peace and courage to overcome the difficulties that go with the condition of serious illness or the frailty of old age. This grace is a gift of the Holy Spirit, who renews trust and faith in God and strengthens against the temptations of the evil one, the temptation to discouragement and anguish in the face of death.134 This assistance from the Lord by the power of his Spirit is meant to lead the sick person to healing of the soul, but also of the body if such is God's will.135 Furthermore, "if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."136

1521 Union with the passion of Christ. By the grace of this sacrament the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.

1522 An ecclesial grace. the sick who receive this sacrament, "by freely uniting themselves to the passion and death of Christ," "contribute to the good of the People of God."137 By celebrating this sacrament the Church, in the communion of saints, intercedes for the benefit of the sick person, and he, for his part, though the grace of this sacrament, contributes to the sanctification of the Church and to the good of all men for whom the Church suffers and offers herself through Christ to God the Father.

1523 A preparation for the final journey. If the sacrament of anointing of the sick is given to all who suffer from serious illness and infirmity, even more rightly is it given to those at the point of departing this life; so it is also called sacramentum exeuntium (the sacrament of those departing).138 The Anointing of the Sick completes our conformity to the death and Resurrection of Christ, just as Baptism began it. It completes the holy anointings that mark the whole Christian life: that of Baptism which sealed the new life in us, and that of Confirmation which strengthened us for the combat of this life. This last anointing fortifies the end of our

earthly life like a solid rampart for the final struggles before entering the Father's house.139

- Particular gift of the Holy Spirit (Strengthening, peace, and courage)
- Union with the Passion of Christ
- Preparation for the final journey

Source: https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/teachings-of-the-catholic-church

LINKS & 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/
EthicsFinder is a free, global, digital resource of immense value to interested parishioners. Try ACU's free digital tool, www.ethicsfinder.com.

Readings for next weekend- Sunday, Nov 29 2026 (First Sunday Advent. Year B)
FIRST READING- Isa 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 - "Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved"
SECOND READING- 1 Cor 1:3-9
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Ps 85:8) "Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!"
GOSPEL- Mark 13:33-37

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**** The significance of the ancient Catholic Blessing Symbol. "20 C+M+B 26"**

An ancient medieval practice in the Catholic Church was to bless one's home with blessed chalk on the annual Solemnity of the Epiphany. On the door or the lintel will be this symbol:



20 + C + M + B + 26 * [* *"Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar" (the traditional names of the Three Wise Men)] -And also representing the prayer: *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*
May Christ bless this home.
This means that 2000 years ago, after Christ's birth, the Wise Men visited, paid homage to the Lord, and were welcomed into the Holy Family's hospitality. We dedicate the present year, '26, of this century to the protection of the Lord.
May the Lord bless this abode.
The letters C+M+B represent Caspar, Balthasar and Melchior, the three Wise Men. CMB is also the initials of the Latin prayer "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" - "May Christ

Bless this dwelling place/ abode/ home."

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SYNOD 24 - ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE - ACTION PLANS

For in-depth resources please visit the following link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1taBpy2wR96rMslEbWHpiDI3jaDpS_rzYJ_iqYLQWygw/edit?usp=sharing

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Commitment to Child Safety and Adults at Risk. We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of our community. Please see the pages below for more information. ……..

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Acknowledgement of Country -

This is Kombumerri Country, the traditional custodian 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, 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 our Indigenous people's memories, traditions, culture and hopes. We pay tribute to those who have contributed to the community's life in many ways. We affirm our commitment to justice, healing, and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. (See further: The Kombumerri People and https://kombumerritogetherproject.com/digital-resources/yugambeh-language/)

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ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE
Office for Safeguarding Services

Safeguarding Framework

"The Church loves all her children like a loving mother, but cares for all and protects with a special affection those who are smallest and defenceless. This is the duty that Christ himself entrusted to the entire Christian community."
– Apostolic Letter issued 'motu proprio' by the Supreme Pontiff Francis 4 June 2016

Purpose
The purpose of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework is to promote a culture of safeguarding within the Archdiocese and reduce the risks of abuse and harm.
Scope
The Safeguarding Framework applies to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Brisbane.

The framework applies to all Archdiocesan workers.
Framework
National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The Archdiocese adopts and adheres to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop.

Commitment Statement

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services.

The safety and well-being of children and adults-at-risk is paramount.

Safeguarding Principles

The following principles guide safeguarding practice in the Archdiocese:
Safeguarding is a shared responsibility.
Everyone who interacts with the Archdiocese is treated with dignity and respect.
The protection and best interests of children and adults at risk are prioritised.
Safe physical and online environments are provided.
Safeguarding and abuse risks are actively identified and managed.
Compliance with safeguarding standards, policies, procedures, and guidelines is monitored.
Abuse concerns, suspicions, disclosures, allegations, reports and incidents are responded to promptly and effectively.
All statutory obligations to report suspected abuse or harm are complied with.

Safeguarding Governance -Monitoring and Compliance

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is committed to continuous improvement of its safeguarding practice, and compliance with the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards is monitored through a program of internal and external auditing. Non-compliance with this framework, which seriously jeopardises the safety and wellbeing of others, will be reported to the Vicar General and may be grounds for disciplinary action resulting in dismissal or termination of employment and reporting to church and/or statutory authorities.

Download a copy of the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework

For more information about the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework, contact the Office for Safeguarding Services at safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au or on 07 3324 3752.

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility -

See also this video on safeguarding -
https://youtu.be/8AASkl-Sr1A?si=OF6XwqzagYt5fF9d

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility -
https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/
Safeguarding Officer (relating to child safety and adults at risk) Robyn Hunt
Safeguarding officer - contact lsr.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au
Safeguarding (Children and adults-at-risk)-
StopLine - The Archdiocese of Brisbane Whistleblower Hotline 1300 30 45 50

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility -
https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/

- **Safeguarding Officer - Surfers Parish - (relating to child safety and adults at risk) Robyn Hunt Safeguarding officer - contact lsr.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au - phone -**

0409 486 326



Safeguarding Officer - Surfers Paradise Parish - Robyn Hunt

- **STOPline**

http://bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com
Email: AOB@stopline.com.au
Phone: 1300 304 550
STOPline is an independent service that receives information about suspected abuse, harm and other serious misconduct by workers (including priests, religious employees, educators, practitioners, support workers and volunteers).

- **Archdiocese of Brisbane**

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/support/safeguard

- **Office for Safeguarding Services:**

Phone: 07 3324 3752
Email: safeguarding@bne.catholic.net.au
www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding
Level 2 Penola Place, 142 Edward Street, Brisbane

- **Professional Standards Office Queensland**

www.psoqld.catholic.net.au

- **Safeguarding Training**

https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-training

- **Incident Report Form**

For more details on safeguarding please visit here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ja2NmPbkoqk5Jw4bfDdZVRwWHAIPQfn7qU5uQZ3oYD8/edit?usp=sharing

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Sacred Heart Church and Parish office - (directions and location)

50 Fairway Drive. Clear Island Waters. Queensland 4226
(The best entry is the southern entrance off Fairway Drive, nearest to Santa Cruz



Boulevard).

map: - https://www.google.com/search?q=50+fairway+drive+clear+island+waters+qld+map&rlz=1C1GCEA_enAU797AU797&oq=50+fairway+drive+clear+island+waters+qld+map&aqs=chrome..69i57.8142j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Our parish office location is found here: **Please see here for a map with details of the location of the parish office.** Please see below for a photo of the Catholic Parish office ……(with the name "Glendalough - Parish Office" written on a sign over the door - Glendalough is pronounced "Glenda-lock" and is named after a famous Irish location where Catholic Saint Kevin lived- one of our schools in the parish is named St Kevin's in honour that patron saint).



Below is a picture of the Sacred Heart church, which is located on the same grounds (to the left of the parish office)





1 July 2026

Queensland's Reportable Conduct Scheme is now in effect

Today marks an important milestone in strengthening safeguarding across Queensland, with the commencement of the Reportable Conduct Scheme.

The scheme requires organisations working with children and young people to identify, report and investigate concerns about worker conduct that may pose a risk to children. It applies to an estimated 10,000 organisations across Queensland, including early childhood education and care, government departments, accommodation and residential services, schools and hospitals, religious bodies, services for children with disability, and those working in youth justice and child protection.

Why the scheme matters

Every child should be safe wherever they are — at home, in care, or in the community.

But we know this is not always the case. Child abuse remains disturbingly prevalent, and responses can too often remain fragmented across systems, resulting in missed opportunities to identify risks and protect children earlier.

The Reportable Conduct Scheme is an important way Queensland will strengthen how organisations identify, prevent, respond to and share information about child abuse and misconduct. It creates a critical reporting pathway for matters that do not meet a criminal threshold, helping to identify concerning behaviour earlier.

By improving visibility, accountability and information sharing, the scheme supports a more connected safeguarding system — one that can recognise risks sooner, and respond before harm occurs.

What is reportable conduct?

Reportable conduct includes:

- child sexual offences
- sexual misconduct
- ill-treatment
- neglect
- physical violence

- significant emotional or psychological harm.

Learn more about what constitutes reportable conduct on our **website**.

What organisations need to know

From today, organisations subject to the scheme must have systems and processes in place to:

- identify and respond to reportable conduct
- assess and manage risks to children
- notify the Queensland Family and Child Commission of reportable conduct
- investigate allegations in a timely and child-centred way.

The scheme has clear reporting timeframes, including:

- an **initial notification** within 3 business days
- an **interim report** within 30 business days
- a **final report** once the investigation is complete.

To support organisations in implementing the scheme, we have developed a range of practical resources:

- **Who needs to comply** – find out whether your organisation is covered by the scheme
- **Implementation guideline** – practical guidance to support implementation of the scheme
- **Managing a reportable conduct matter** – understand what needs to happen at each stage of a reportable conduct matter
- **Heads of entities guidance** – understand who holds legal responsibility under the scheme
- **Shareable resources** – content for your use on your communication channels.

These resources are designed to help organisations build confidence and capability in meeting their obligations under the scheme.

Access the full suite of Reportable Conduct Scheme resources for organisations on our website.