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**Pentecost Sunday - 18/19 May 2024 - Year B**

**Happy Birthday to us, the Church!**

There are currently 64 young people on the Sacramental Program preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated at OLR Church on 7th June. The Sacrament of Confirmation confirms a child's personal commitment to the promises of faith that their parents made on their behalf at baptism and stirs up within them the awareness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit received at Baptism. This inner awareness and stirring of the gifts falls fittingly within the period of Pentecost, where the Holy Spirit rested upon their disciples empowering them with extraordinary abilities, which we celebrate today (Acts 2:1-11).



The Holy Spirit is the invisible version of God. The Holy Spirit is a divine force, much like wind. You can experience the effects of the Holy Spirit, but you cannot see it. Scriptures tells us that there are both fruits of the Spirit (Isa 11:2-3) and gifts of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). The gifts of the Spirit focus on the outward expression of spiritual abilities for the benefit of the Church and its mission whereas the fruits of the Spirit emphasise the inward transformation of character. Both are essential (1 Cor 12:27-13:3). As with any gift you would normally receive, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given freely by God, we must ask for them in prayer. The fruits of the Spirit are like the fruit of a tree, we must nourish our body and minds with these qualities in order for them to grow, in order for them to bear fruit!

The Gifts of the Spirit are:

Wisdom	Helps us to appreciate and value things from God's perspective
Understanding	Helps us to know deep truths - to not just look, but see; not just listen, but hear
Counsel	Helps us to choose and execute the best way forward
Knowledge	Helps us to judge correctly matters of faith and right action
Fortitude (Courage)	Helps us to face adversity, inspiring us to be brave
Piety (Reverence)	Helps to bring us to deep respect for God and all God's creation
Awe & Wonder	Helps us to be amazed at God's truth, goodness and beauty seen in all creation.

The fruits of the Spirit are: love, peace, patience, joy, gentleness, kindness, goodness, generosity, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity (Gal 5:22-23). Pentecost commemorates the birthday of the Church, because that is when the Apostles were empowered by the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:1-11) and then fearlessly proceeded to preach the Good News of Jesus' life, death and resurrection to the all people, thus birthing the early Church. Perhaps Pentecost might inspire you to pray for a particular gift of the Holy Spirit. Maybe you'd like to water your spiritual tree to bear fruit, or perhaps you might like to read the Acts of the Apostles in the bible to learn more about how the Holy Spirit worked within the apostles and the early Church. However you choose to celebrate, may the Holy Spirit help you to bear fruit and bestow you with priceless gifts.  
**Birthday blessings Fr Gerard**

**Worship**

The solemnity of Pentecost holds profound significance for the Catholic Church, symbolizing the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, empowering them to spread the teachings of Jesus to all nations. In the context of an aging Catholic Church, Pentecost serves as a powerful reminder of the enduring vitality and transformative potential of faith.

Firstly, Pentecost underscores the importance of renewal and revitalization within Parish communities. Just as the apostles were emboldened by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel fearlessly, we today can draw inspiration to reinvigorate our mission and outreach efforts. Embracing new methods of evangelization, engaging with diverse communities, and fostering a spirit of inclusivity can breathe new life into our mission, attracting both young and old to the message of Christ.

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Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

### Worship continued.....

Moreover, Pentecost reminds Catholics of the universal nature of their faith. The diverse languages spoken by the apostles symbolize the Church's call to embrace cultural diversity and reach out to people of all backgrounds. By celebrating Pentecost as a multicultural and inclusive event, we can bridge generational divides and inspire believers of every age to encounter Jesus and actively participate in the life of the Church.

Furthermore, Pentecost encourages Catholics to embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit, including wisdom, understanding, and courage. In the face of societal challenges and shifting cultural norms, we can look to Pentecost as a source of strength and guidance. By fostering a spirit of discernment and openness to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, communities can navigate complex issues with wisdom and compassion, rekindling belief in the teachings of Jesus as a beacon of hope in a troubled world.

*God Bless, Paul & the Worship Ministry*

### Did you know our parish has around 300 volunteers?

Managing volunteer enquiries is a lot of work, and is often managed by our roster coordinators, priests, and parish office staff. If we are being honest, sometimes enquiries get lost. To assist with volunteer enquiries, we have developed an online volunteer form which is being shared with all parishes across the archdiocese.

If you don't have a computer, just call the Parish Office and we will complete the form for you. It is that simple. While the form caters for new and existing volunteers, we are only inviting new volunteers to use the form as we celebrate our first annual Parish Service Day. The link is available via our [Linktree QR code](#) on the opposite page.

### Landsborough Community

Our Lady of the Way Church at Landsborough is celebrating 70 years since it was established in 1954.

There will be a special morning tea to be held in the Ron Hickey Centre after the 7am Mass on **Sunday 26 May**.

Morning tea is proudly sponsored by *Holy Cross Funerals*. You are all welcome to attend.

### Currimundi Community

Please note that the **Thursday** Currimundi Mass will now be at **9.15am**.

This is the same time the Currimundi **Sunday** Mass is on.

### Little Mt Community

This **Wednesday 22nd of May**, there will be Mass at Southern Cross Residential Care at 9.30am for the Feast Day of **Our Lady of the Southern Cross**. All welcome

### OLR 9.30am Morning tea

This **Sunday 19th May** morning tea for the 9:30am Mass, will be **Cancelled**. Several of usual team members are either unwell or away.

### KINGDOM YA - A Young Adult Event for the North Coast!

Join us next **Wednesday 22nd May** for a gathering of young adults from around the North Coast.

We will meet at the Kings Beach Tavern at 5.45pm for 6pm dinner, before heading up to OLR Church for a 7pm start. The Youth Office from Evangelisation Brisbane will be leading us through formation around the topic of Pentecost/ Acts 2, followed by some praise and worship!

We really look forward to welcoming you next Wednesday!!

All offerings are optional - join us for whatever works best for you.

Please contact Felicity for more information: [cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Youth Mass

Next Sunday the 26th May is Youth Mass at Unity Chapel from 5pm.

Pizza is served afterwards. You are all welcome.

### On the Journey

We welcome *Charlie & Tommy Dauphin, Max, Harry & Thomas Iacomella, and William Joyce* who will be baptised at OLR and Maleny this weekend.

We pray for *Jeanette Flint* who died last week, her funeral will be Thursday 23rd May, 11.30am at OLR. We also pray for *Ian Litzow, Ian Franks & Marie McGregor* who have died and their funerals will be 24th May, 11am at OLR, 24th May, 11am at Sacred Heart Maleny and 25th June, 11am at OLR Church respectively. May their the souls and the

souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

Due to a Staff Retreat, the Parish Office will be closed this Wednesday the 22nd May



### Position Vacant

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### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who made Mother's Day special after Masses last weekend. *More photos on the website.*



### Altar Server Training

Building on the success of our Lectors workshops, The Worship Team will be putting on altar server training across the parish. All ages are welcome and encouraged; we especially want you to get your kids involved. Altar serving is a great way of keeping kids actively involved and focused on the Mass. We plan for this workshop to be concise in content; with run-throughs and questions. Sessions will go for about an hour. Please email the parish office with your contact details and which session you are going to:

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At this stage, some communities do not require altar servers and this is reflected below:

Session dates and times are:

**18th May - OLR Church - 3:30pm**

**25th May - Beerwah - 4pm**

**2nd June - Maleny - after mass**

**9th June - Unity Chapel - 3:30pm**

**16th June - OLR - 8am**



### Men's Rosary

On May 1st, we held our first Men's Rosary Crusade at Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Caloundra. The event included an opening procession at the Church and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Over 30 Devotee Knights, not only from OLR Parish but also from other parishes such as Maroochydore and Nambour attended. On the **5th June, at 6:30pm** at OLR Church, Father Gerard will lead the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome to bring snacks and cookies as we share tea and coffee after worship. Additionally, we encourage everyone to join our WhatsApp group using the Linktree QR code, in case of any special events, news, or changes to scheduled activities.

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 20 May

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

#### Tuesday 21 May

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am  
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am  
Mass (Maleny) 9am

#### Wednesday 22 May

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am  
Liturgy (OLR SCHOOL) 9am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

#### Thursday 23 May

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

#### Friday 24 May

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am  
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

#### Saturday 25 May

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am  
Mass (OLR) 9am

#### Vigil Mass

*The Most Holy Trinity*

Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

#### Sunday 26 May

*The Most Holy Trinity*  
Mass (OLR) 6.30am  
Mass (Landsborough) 7am  
Mass (Unity) 8am  
Mass (Kawana) 8am  
Mass (Maleny) 9am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am  
Mass (OLR) 9.30am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am  
Mass (Unity) 5pm

#### Linktree QR Code

