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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 20/21 July 2024 - Year B**

## Nothing given to God is ever wasted

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers two weeks ago when Frs Francis, Joseph and I were down with Covid. I watched on in admiration as the parish continued to function extremely smoothly thanks to the amazing planning and coordination of the parish admin team and the adaptability and openness of the worshipping communities. As with any adversity, it is a time of great grace and growth. There are always lessons to be gained, for nothing given to God is ever wasted.

During this period of change, perhaps Jesus' words from today's Gospel may have rung true, perhaps you may have felt like you were sheep without a shepherd. As a spiritual father and shepherd to the community, I too felt concern for my dear flock. My initial concerns were, *how will they celebrate the Eucharist with 11 Masses on a weekend and only Fr Josh available? How will all my ministries for the week be taken care of?* I knew I had to offer these concerns to God in prayer. I had to trust that God, working through the parish staff would have it all worked out. My concerns were short-lived as they assured me everything would be taken care of.

For some communities, the weekend Eucharistic celebrations were led by a priest as normal, how excellent! Perhaps nothing seemed out of the ordinary at all. For other communities a lay-led Liturgy of the Word with Communion was presided, equally excellent! Notably, this would have been how the early church communities gathered: praying and breaking bread together (there are still some communities in the Brisbane Archdiocese who gather like this due to geographical location and lack of priest availability). It's reassuring to know that our crisis contingency plans have been successfully implemented and can be our fallback when necessary.

Jesus also reminds us in the Gospel that we need to come away to some lonely place and rest for a while. In an unexpected way, being sick with Covid meant that Frs Francis, Joseph and I were forced to slow down and rest. In God's divine wisdom, it seems providential that Fr Josh will also be able to find some well-deserved rest as he partakes in a Men's Retreat in Sydney this weekend.

Continue to look for God in the ordinary. Continue to look for God in the crisis. For nothing given to God is ever wasted.

*God bless, Fr Gerard*

## Faith & Formation in our Parish

As we prepare to welcome the younger members of our Parish into full participation in the sacrament of the Eucharist (enrolments take place at Mass this weekend), we are reminded of our own baptism. Looking at the usage of this word in the New Testament (in Greek 'baptisma' - transliterated), there is a sense of a continual submersion resulting in change. Reflecting on our own Baptism, we can fall into the trap of thinking of it as something that 'happened' to us in the past - that we have moved on from.

As Catholics, our faith challenges us to see our Baptism as a continual and powerful process of transformation. Some of our brethren in other Christian churches understand Baptism as a public and physical proclamation of belief, and thus some undergo the ritual of baptism several times. For us, as Catholics, our Baptism NEVER ENDS. It is an invitation into the life, person and likeness of Jesus; an invitation to be "transformed by a renewal of our mind", body and spirit (Romans 12:2). In a sense, Jesus wants to submerge us in himself, so that every part of us takes on the flavour of His presence.

How are we responding to this glorious and transformative invitation? Individually, we are all at different places in a journey of realising and activating the power of our Baptism. Our challenge is to not fall into the trap that Jesus warns about in the Book of Revelation: "We are rich and full and have need of nothing" (Rev 3:17). We can never reach a place of knowing and understanding everything about a God who is eternal. So even God's very nature invites us to pursue a deeper connection with Jesus and what we have received in the Sacrament of Baptism.

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

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## The Parish Office is closed next Friday 26th July due to staff training.

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### Faith & Formation

Throughout the year there are opportunities on offer to dive deeper; to learn more and grow in hunger for Jesus. Some of these opportunities include engaging in a Bible study group or doing a Bible reading program for yourself, joining a Catholic book club, attending a Know Your Faith session with Fr Francis, participating in the upcoming Alpha course (coming in October), or even setting aside some time every day to listen to God. Every time we say "Yes" to an opportunity to invest in our faith we respond to God's invitation. Let us all pray together that the Holy Spirit will bring to our minds, both as individuals and corporately, what our next step into 'more' might look like.

*Beth Davies*

*Mission Coordinator and Faith & Formation Leader*

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### Badges

For those of you who had ordered badges please collect them from the OLR church.

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### Ignite Conference Bake Sale & 100 Board Winner - THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our bake sale fundraiser last weekend. We are so grateful to everyone who baked, who helped with set-up, who bought something on the morning, or who simply donated. We raised over \$2000 to go towards sending our group of 40 youth and young adults to Ignite Conference in September! We are well on the way to hitting our target fundraising amount and we couldn't do it without you!

Congratulations to Steve Murrell who purchased lucky (and holy!) number 7 which was drawn by Fr Gerard as the 100 Board winner! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket.

Our next fundraiser is our annual car wash and BBQ on **Sunday 4 August**. There will be a \$2 sausage sizzle after both the 6:30am and 9:30am Masses, with cars being washed between 7am-11am, for only \$20 each. If you are able to volunteer to assist with either BBQ or car washing, please contact the parish office or the Youth Team via [cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au)



Please continue to pray for our youth as they prepare their hearts to journey to Brisbane for their own experiences of encounter!

*God bless, Felicity.*

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### The Numbering of the Psalms

The psalm for 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time is listed as "Psalm 22 R. The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want". This is one of the best-known of all the psalms but most people know it as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm and it is listed under Psalm 23 in many bibles.

Those who look up words for psalms for hymn sheets, etc will have noticed that the numbering of the psalms in the Catholic Lectionary and in Catholic missals is not always the same as used by other Churches. Why are these numbers sometimes different?

The problem comes about because, since the promulgation of the Latin Bible (Vulgate) in the 6<sup>th</sup> century, the Roman Catholic Church has followed the numbering of the psalms used by the Greek translation of the Scriptures (the Septuagint) whereas the scriptures used by other Christian traditions follow the numbering in the Hebrew text.

Psalms 9 and 10 in the Hebrew text were combined into one psalm in the Greek Bible, so from Psalm 9 onwards, the Roman Catholic psalm numbers are one less than those in other versions. Because Psalm 147 of the Jewish psalms is split into two separate psalms in the Septuagint, the total number of psalms in both finishes up being the same - 150. However, only the first 8 and the last 3 psalms agree in numbering. *By Elizabeth Harrington*

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### On the Journey

We welcome *Chloe & Mia Thomas and Ayla & Hudson Lane* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Christine Braun* whose funeral will be 25th July, 11am at the Premier chapel at Buderim. May her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

***Rest in Peace.***

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

### Ladies Retreat - Date Claimer

This year's Ladies Retreat is in the works. These days offer an opportunity to set aside time to encounter Jesus in a new and deeper way. If you are interested in attending, make sure you set aside **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of August from 10am-2pm OLR Church**. More details to follow

### Synodality Speaker Series - One-off Special Event

The Synodality Speaker Series is about to begin with presentations on synodality taking place all across the Archdiocese in July and August for all members of the community. A range of speakers will present "Synodality: Our journey together" as well as a special one-off event being offered in collaboration with ACU featuring Myriam Wijlens.

**Featuring:** Myriam Wijlens and response by Bishop Tim Norton SVD

**Facilitators:** Maeve Louise Heaney VDMF, Deacon Paul Jensen and Ms Immaculate Vuciri.

**Date/Time:** July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm - 7:30pm  
(food and drink will be served from 5:30pm)

**Location:** Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo.

**Registration:** <https://forms.office.com/r/MYUtAd62bH?origin=1prLink>

### Temporary OLR Church Cleaner Required

A temporary church cleaner is need for three weeks in August 7, 14 & 21st.

If you are able to assist with vacuuming, mopping, dusting emptying bins etc. please email the

Parish office [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au) or call between 9-1pm on 5430 9390



### St Vincent de Paul

Next weekend, **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July**, St Vincent de Paul Caloundra, will be having their winter appeal at the OLR Caloundra church. Your assistance makes a real difference in this community and they are very grateful for your generous



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and ongoing support.

It is greatly appreciated.

*Thank you!*

### Presentation on 'Dementia Awareness

by Leah Keating, Dementia Doula.

If you missed out on hearing Leah speak at Caloundra, she will return to the Coast on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am**

**at Stella Maris Catholic Parish, Maroochydore 2-10 Church St, Maroochydore, 4558, QLD**

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### Parish Diary

#### **Monday 22 July**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

#### **Tuesday 23 July**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

#### **Wednesday 24 July**

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

#### **Thursday 25 July**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

#### **Friday 26 July**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

#### **Saturday 27 July**

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

#### **Vigil Mass**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

#### **Sunday 28 July**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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