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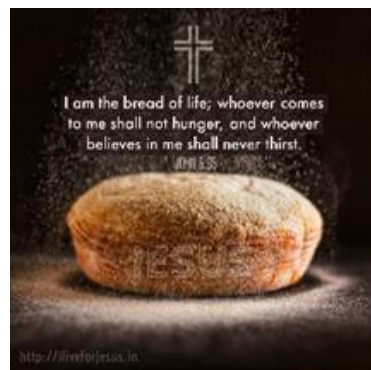
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10/11 August 2024 - Year B

Whether your life is a mystery, monotonous or mundane, all are called to follow Jesus

The priesthood is a most wonderful gift, and often it is shrouded in mystery. This may be because of the counter-cultural way of life. I am finding that it is sometimes perceived as mysterious to others because there is such an array of things we do. From the celebration of the Sacraments, to house blessings, to managing millions of dollars of assets (every parish is like an independent business), to classroom teaching. There is never a dull moment and not one week is ever the same. In a nutshell a priest's role is to reflect Jesus Christ through preaching, shepherding and sanctification although - sometimes it seems we do so much more.



Another one of the interesting things which we do, which few people know about, is that the priests of the Archdiocese of Brisbane meet annually for the Clergy Convocation. Just as many employees in the corporate world must undergo professional development and regular formation to ensure their skills are up to date with an everchanging world and to realign their shared vision, the same goes for priests. Led by the Clergy Life and Ministry Team, over 150 priests gathered on Wednesday and Thursday to listen to and discuss various topics including: the latest results from the 2021 census and how they affect the social profile for each Parish (excellent data found here: www.ncpr.catholic.org.au/2021-parish-social-profiles-brisbane), Schools and future BCE building projects particularly in the inner city, the Archdiocesan Synod on Communion, Participation and Mission www.aobsynod2024.com, and we discussed the future and the mission of the Catholic Church in the Brisbane Archdiocese. These were all very valuable sessions and I particularly enjoyed exploring the statistics of the recent census utilised by the National Centre for Pastoral Network which outlined that out of a 137,000 population in our OLR Parish boundary, 22,000 identified as Catholic. We brainstormed that reaching out to parents at schools and catering initiatives toward them could be a valuable mission opportunity.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge opened the Convocation reminding us that this was not just a business meeting. It was a Convocation, which derives from the word "listening together", not just to our own voices, but to the voice of God, who calls us all in the first place. God is always the prime mover, God is always the one who initiates, it is only when we are attentive to God's quiet promptings that we hear Him. When overlaid with this week's gospel, where Jesus encounters a complaining and disbelieving crowd, he again reiterates that he is the Bread of Life. It is only through God's promptings and nourishment from the Bread of Life that we can be Bread (Jesus) to others. May your everyday encounters, however mysterious, monotonous or mundane they may seem, be life-giving and nourishing to others. May you also be inspired by a lesser-known quote from Australia's first Saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, whose Feast Day we celebrated on Thursday,

"Pray to be ever ready for God's will, even when it takes you by surprise."

Yours in Faith, Fr Gerard

First Holy Communion

Please continue to pray for all our young children preparing for their sacrament of the Eucharist, they will be continuing with their third session this weekend followed by their Rite of Reconciliation on Tuesday night. There is a tray at the back of the OLR church with the children's "Pray for me card" please feel free to take one, write a prayer on it and return it to the tray so the children can receive it. Please welcome them and their families at our OLR 9.30am Mass on Sunday.

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



Ignite conference fundraiser - THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our carwash and BBQ fundraiser last weekend. We raised over \$1700.00 (still counting). All of this will go towards sending a wonderful group of youth and young adults from the parish to Ignite Conference in Brisbane this September. Ignite is a transformative experience where our youth are given even more opportunities to build their own personal relationship with Jesus. Thank you for helping us get them there! Please continue to pray for our youth group as we journey towards this mountaintop experience.
Thank you, Felicity

Annual Catholic Campaign

Next weekend, our parish is delighted to support the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and the local community.



Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact our parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, caring for our elderly and retired priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. Envelopes are available in all Mass centres this weekend which you can take home and bring back next week.

Catholic Mission Morning Tea

Join us for a cup of coffee/tea after 9am mass to hear more about the work Catholic Mission does and the projects we support around the world. **Tuesday 13th August 9.30am** in the Egan room at OLR. Please RSVP to the Parish office for catering purposes.



Ladies Lunch

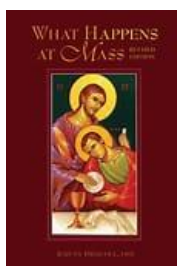
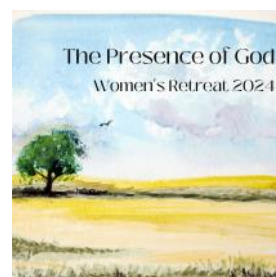
The next ladies lunch will be **Friday 16th August at 12 noon**, Dicky Beach Surf Club, 1A Coochin Street, Dicky Beach. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Please RSVP by Monday 12th August to Linda 0429380979

The Presence of God - Women's Retreat - 20th August

This year's ladies retreat focuses on growing our awareness of the presence of God. The group will be lead in reflection and prayer on "Practicing the Presence of God", Baptism and Transfiguration.

The day runs from 9:30am - 2pm in the OLR Church and Egan room. Registration is free but essential. You can register via the link tree QR code on the newsletter or contacting the Parish office.

Registrations close 15th August.



Book Club

Friends, I will be running a book club on "What Happens at Mass" based on a book by the same name. It is a series which engages our imagination about what we believe is happening at mass, even when we do not see it with our eyes. In this regard, it is not an abstract study. The series will run weekly for six weeks on **Thursdays at 5pm** in the parish centre. I will provide dates as I finalise numbers and place the order for books, so registration is essential. See linktree to secure your spot!
God bless, Fr. Francis

On the Journey

We welcome *Maverick & Lincoln Murden and Archie Yates* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend. We pray for *Florence Skien & Dennis Crosby* whose funerals were on Friday 9th August. We pray for: *Rosalind Ensing* - Funeral 15th August at Gregson & Weight 11am. *Stanley Funk* - Funeral 16th August at OLR 11am. *Salma Johnston* - Funeral 20th August at Mary Mackillop, Beerwah.

May their 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.

Synodality Speaker Series (Sunshine Coast Event Invitation)

The Synodality Speaker Series has commenced with presentations on synodality taking place all across the Archdiocese in July and August for all members of the community. A range of speakers are presenting on *Synodality: Our journey together*, including our very own Fr Josh. You are invited to light refreshments following the conclusion of **5pm OLR Mass on Saturday 17 August**. A One-hour presentation will then run from **6.15pm-7.15pm** featuring Steph Unger and Fr Joshua Whitehead where they will address questions such as: How can synodality help us to work together as a co-responsible church on mission? How can we begin being a more synodal church, in our own parish and as an Archdiocese? As pilgrims of hope, let's walk the journey of synodality together by exploring what the word "synodality" means, its history, and what it looks like to be a synodal church on mission.

Date/Time: August 17th 6.15pm - 7.15pm (refreshments from 6pm) **Location:** OLR church, Caloundra. **Registration:** via Linktree or call the Parish office

Bible Studies - Kawana Course Reminder

Reminder that places are swiftly filling for the Evangelisation: Acts of the Apostles - Lectio Bible Study at Kawana. The course runs for 10 sessions from the **22nd of August to 24th October**. Register your interest with John Manion at johnmanion101@gmail.com

Location: Good Shepherd Centre, Community Hall, Nanyima Street, Buddina
Time: 8am-9:30am. Places are limited so register soon to avoid disappointment!!

SYNOD24 Commissioning Mass

As part of the preparation of Synod Members there will be a Commissioning held in the Cathedral of St Stephen. Synod Members attending the Commissioning in the Cathedral of St Stephen (including Fr Josh and Felicity Jones, our Youth Minister) will be provided with oil and a Blessing that they will take to their parish or communities so that they may be blessed and prayed for by their communities during a Mass or other significant community gathering. This is to ensure that they feel the importance of attending the synod in service of their communities and the needs of the Archdiocese as a whole.

Change of Date - Younger Ladies/Sisterhood Group

Please note that the Younger Ladies Group meeting scheduled for the evening of the **13th of August** has been moved to **Thursday 22nd of August from 6pm-7pm** in the Egan room – Parish Centre. Light snacks provided. If you haven't come along before we would love to welcome you as we share fellowship and faith.

Our Parish & Flocknote

For the past 3 years, the archdiocese has been working with parishes to develop more efficient and contemporary ways to reach parishioners and visitors. We are excited to announce a new partnership between Flocknote and the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Many of us are familiar with the paper parish census form; we fill these out every few years to ensure we stay up to date with who is in the parish and to keep ourselves connected to parish programs and ministries. With much more activity online today,

Flocknote is the ultimate secure solution for managing communication between you and the parish. Over the next few weeks, we will be launching our online registration form so parishioner families and visitors can sign up and stay connected. More to come!

Grief Support

The next bi-monthly Grief Support Mass for all parishioners will be held at OLR on **Friday 16th August at 9am**

followed by morning tea. Major life changes or events may cause severe emotional distress. If the Grief Support team can be of confidential assistance, please contact the Parish office or email Kath at olrgriefsupp@gmail.com

Parish Diary

Monday 12 Aug

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

Tuesday 13 Aug

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

Wednesday 14 Aug

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Lay Led Liturgy (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 15 Aug

Assumption Day
Mass (OLR) 9am
Lay Led Litg (Currimundi) 9:15am
Mass (OLR) 6pm

Friday 16 Aug

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

Saturday 17 Aug

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

Vigil Mass

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 18 Aug

20th 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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