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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19/20 October 2024 - Year B

Celebrating the Journey Together

On Friday and Saturday last week, 10-11 Oct, I attended the second session of the Archdiocesan Synod at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo, Brisbane. The two sessions of the synod in September and October were designed to make concrete decisions regarding the implementation of eight decrees of the Plenary Council (2021-2022). Following the completion of the Plenary Council, all dioceses in Australia were required to hold a synod and it is notable that our diocese was among the first to complete this important task.

The synod was comprised of approximately 140 voting members who, sitting at round tables of 6-8 people, engaged in a discernment process called Conversations in the Spirit. This deliberate approach to discernment, which leads to decision making, acknowledges and seeks the voice of the Spirit in each member's sharing of both what they heard in their prayer, and what they heard in the group. Among the action items within each decree were important decisions that dealt with contemporary issues which, when they filter down to parish level, will have a positive impact such as Witnessing to the equal dignity of women and men, Formation and Leadership for Mission and Ministry, and Governance at the service of communion and participation.

From a process point of view, it is important to note that while all the actions were endorsed by the members – with only two needing to be re-written – they are then given to the archbishop to ratify and make decisions around the timing of implementation. Archbishop Mark, in his closing address to the synod, reiterated his confidence in the actions themselves, and made a plea for patience as many of the actions require a significant allocation of time and resources to make them a reality. One example of this will be the availability of training to introduce the leadership ministries of Lector, Acolyte and Catechist – previously reserved as steppingstones towards ordination – for lay people in parishes. These ministries will be valuable as we look to the future and seek to ensure that lay people with charisms for leadership in different areas receive training.



In his closing remarks at the synod, Archbishop Mark asks us “How might we embed and inculcate Conversations in the Spirit across the entire Archdiocese?” This is something which will become familiar in our parish very soon. In the context of my announcement on page three of the printed newsletter, we will be holding a series of Conversations in the Spirit in each worshipping community over the next 3 months. These conversations between 8-10 community representatives will take place in the larger context of a broad consultation to the entire parish about how we can be on mission together. Here I am reminded of Pope Francis' vision for our Church:



“I dream of a ‘missionary option,’ that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, *times and schedules*, language and structures, can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world *rather than for her self-preservation*” (emphasis added).

Friends, these are indeed interesting times for us in a parish. We will face challenges to make decisions which, rather than for our self-preservation, will lead to our growing capacity to engage in what we have been baptized to do: make disciples – followers of Jesus. I invite your prayers as we journey on together in a spirit of synodality.

Peace and blessings,
Fr Josh

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



Catholic Mission

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

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During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

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Invitation to celebrate Installation of Fr Josh as Parish Priest of OLR Parish

We will welcome Auxiliary Bishop Tim Norton to OLR on the weekend of **Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 October.**

Bishop Tim will celebrate mass on Sunday 9.30 at OLR. This will be a special occasion and a celebration for the entire parish. We invite all parishioners of all faith communities to join for this celebration.

Bishop Tim will officially install Fr Josh as Parish Priest of our Parish.

This is a great celebration of Fr Josh's call to ministry and an important milestone in the life of this parish. We pray for Fr Josh and ask that he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, as he shepherds us, his people.

After mass we also invite you to join us for hospitality.

Bishop Tim will also celebrate mass Saturday evening 5pm at OLR, and everyone is welcome.



2025 Break Open the Word, Ordos, & Daily Mass Books

Orders & payment for these liturgical Resources must be in to the Parish Office by **Wednesday 23rd October 2024.**

'Break Open the Word' \$22, 'Ordo' \$15,

'Daily Mass Book' \$24

Payment must be made before we can order.

Orders and payment can be made through Linktree, parish office or money in and envelope with your name, phone number, what community you are from, your order and placed in the Mass boxes on the weekends.



Have you signed up? Why Flocknote?

Parishioners and visitors are invited to scan the QR code to sign up and register with the parish. If you have any questions, please see Fathers Josh, Francis or Gerard. Please note that if you received the old MailChimp eNewsletter, you will automatically be included in the new Flocknote eNews group. *Peace and blessings, Fr Josh*



Blokes one Day retreat

One Day Blokes Retreat **26 October 24** at Buderim Hockey Club 8.30am-6pm

Retreat Director Dcn Peter Pellican Cost is \$40 for the day.

Please scan the QR Code to register.



On the Journey

We congratulate *April McGrann* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for: *Russell Newham*, whose funeral will be at G&W 22nd Oct 11am

Helen Try, whose funeral will be at OLR 24th Oct 11am

Carmel Lehane, whose funeral will be at G&W 25th Oct 11am

Patricia Hawgood, whose memorial service will be at OLR 28th Nov 11am

We also pray for *Lynne Burke* who died last week. 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.

Parish ENCOUNTER Night

Encounter nights are back! All are invited to Caloundra church for an evening of fellowship, worship, and an opportunity for the sacrament of reconciliation. Come along and be filled! Due to catering, registrations are essential.

To register use the Linktree QR code. **Date: Thursday 24th October Time: 5:30pm in the undercroft area.**

Important Announcement

Friends, this week I received news from Archbishop Mark that in early January 2025, Fr. Francis will be appointed as associate pastor in the Upper Mt. Gravatt-Wishart parish. It is very rare in our day for a parish to be staffed by three full-time priests and a priest-chaplain. For a number of years, we have enjoyed something of a luxury in this regard: at one time thanks to the resourcefulness of Fr. John Dobson whilst at other times, owing to overseas priests being appointed here to gain an experience of parish ministry in a large-parish context.

Fr. Francis will not be replaced when he is reappointed. While this is not a circumstance that I would readily choose, it is the reality we will all face in 2025. This loss will be felt acutely in some areas such as the availability of sacraments; it will also be felt in more strategic ways where our mission is concerned. In this latter regard, however, the loss of a priest will only be felt if we sit back and passively receive (or resist) the leadership initiatives of our parish, such as our Strategic Plan, the employment of Beth as Mission Coordinator, and opportunities to lead and/or serve according to the charisms/gifts that each person has been given for the purpose of building up the Body of Christ.

While this is certainly challenging, I'm choosing to see this as opportunity. I see the exit of one of our priests not only as a loss, but as an opportunity from God and our diocese to stay on the front foot in raising up lay leaders in our parish who share the vision for a Church of greater co-responsibility for mission between the ordained and laity. This is the vision of Vatican II, the Plenary Council, and is certainly the vision of the Archdiocesan Synod. It will inevitably be the pattern of how the Church operates going forward. To this end, I offer two vital processes for our parish to discuss and action.

Firstly, it is imperative that together, and before Christmas, we engage in a parish-wide consultation process regarding both the opportunities ahead for us and the pressing need to consolidate our Mass schedule. With two, rather than three full-time priests (we will retain a full-time priest-chaplain for our two retirement villages), the necessary goal of our consultation process will be to have eight (including our two retirement village Masses), rather than eleven Vigil/Sunday Masses each weekend.

Secondly, I have discerned that now is the right time to assemble a parish Faith Communities Council (FCC). My vision is that it be made up of one representative, who will become the trained and commissioned pastoral leader for a term of appointment, from each Mass community. It will gather four-six times a year to share the vision, planning and execution of our strategic plan according to community capabilities.

I will be speaking more about this in weeks to come - particularly the communication of our consultation process - once I, myself, have consulted with my Senior Leadership Team. I also welcome and encourage your individual and community's discernment regarding nominations for the parish FCC. Let's pray for Fr Francis as he prepares for the next stage in his priestly journey in 2025, and let's also pray for our parish at this time.

Regards, Fr. Josh

Vinnies 2 Day Mega Book and Plant Sale

Next weekend, **Friday 25th & Saturday 26th October from 8am - 3pm** at the **Kawana Catholic Community Centre, Nanyima Street, Buddina**. All proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Kawana, to continue to support those experiencing hardship. For more information or donations call Maria on 0427 181 089.

Parish Diary

Monday 21st Oct

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

Tuesday 22nd Oct

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

Wednesday 23rd Oct

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

Thursday 24th Oct

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

Friday 25th Oct

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

Saturday 26th Oct

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

Vigil Mass

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 27th Oct

30th 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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