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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2/3 November 2024 - Year B

Embracing Change for a Future with Hope

I have a God-given vision that our parish exists to evangelize by guiding people to know, love, and follow Jesus. I dream that our mission includes making mature, intentional disciples who are empowered by the Holy Spirit. I also dream that we will become an equipping place for mission and ministry where all people grow in faith, noticing the nourishment that is given when we worship God in community, and balancing spiritual growth with social responsibility. It is my strident hope that we recognize the potential within our parish and see intentional planning as a chance to embrace God's vision for us. While we value what we have, change can lead us to a deeper journey of faith and trust in the Lord.

Building on a blessed foundation

Our parish has been extremely blessed to have had four priests since 2017 – three of whom who are currently under 45 years old! As a result, we have been quite insulated from what's happening in the archdiocese more broadly - the decline in priest numbers. This decline has meant some difficult decisions have been needed in many other parishes, and I write to you now to explain that it's something we all now need to face as we move forward with hope.

What's changing?

Here's a summary of the information we need to consider:

- ◆ Having reached 75 years old by the end of 2024, Fr Joseph will transition into retirement but has indicated his desire to continue assisting for another 12 months – for which we are deeply appreciative.
- ◆ We are grateful to welcome Fr Terry Nueva, a semi-retired priest from Brisbane, who will focus on aged care alongside Fr Joseph. While they may support ministries like reconciliation and weekday Masses, they won't be available for weekend Masses outside the retirement villages at Little Mountain and Currimundi, which fund a full-time priest-chaplain. We appreciate their commitment during this transition.
- ◆ We need to consider our pastoral strategy in the Notre Dame College community, which opens in January 2025, and which will eventually have 1850 students (approximately 1300 families). To connect with this community we plan to celebrate a weekly Sunday Mass in a more missionary key – aiming to connect with young families.
- ◆ An important aspect to consider as we move forward, however, is that active priests are only permitted to celebrate up to 3 weekend Masses – this is a diocesan standard, and obviously includes vigil Masses.

What about lay-led liturgies?

In considering all this as a matter of priority, I have been in conversation with Archbishop Mark regarding the possibility of lay-led liturgies with Holy Communion for those communities without Mass on a Sunday. In the case of parishes where driving time between Mass communities is significant, the archbishop generally grants this permission. I have been informed, however, that due to the close proximity (less than 20 minutes' drive in our case) of neighboring Mass communities in our parish, permission will not be granted.

Summing up to this point:

- ◆ We will have 2 full-time priests in the parish from January 2025.
- ◆ Fr Terry will be exclusively responsible for retirement village ministry, assisted by Fr Joseph in retirement.
- ◆ Our Mass capability: 2 Saturday vigil Masses, and 4 Sunday Masses – one of which will be celebrated at Notre Dame College.

Next week I will provide you with some more information about how to participate in the consultation process regarding these changes. In the meantime, I would ask that you prayerfully consider the decisions that must be made in our parish.

Peace be with you at this time. *Fr Josh and the Senior Leadership Team*

Loving God and Neighbour

This Sunday's readings are rather fitting for a Weekend highlighting the work of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Jesus tells the scribe that the most important commandment is to love God with all our soul, mind and strength. He then goes further as if to say to the scribe as if to correct a poorly worded question. He adds the second commandment: love your neighbour as yourself.

From the times that I have joined the St. Vincent De Paul societies for prayer, as well as in studying the lives of saints noted for their charity, I have observed the fidelity to this double command. Any and all saints noted for their mysticisms were often aflame with a burning desire to love God in a way that didn't remained locked inside their minds. If they loved God with "all their mind" they wanted to love him with "all their strength" too. This often looked like a deep love for the less fortunate. It was also a desire to bring the love of God to those too weighed down by poverty and misfortune.

Similarly, the SVDP conferences which I have visited, have shown that at the heart of their activity, lies a pattern of prayer so that the reaching out to neighbour is an act of spirituality, rather than mere volunteering.

At a time when our literal "neighbours" are feeling the tensions of the cost of living and housing, such a spirituality deserves not only highlighting but wider practice. To that end, I hope this weekend not only inspires you to share of your money, but also of your presence by joining the community who help either with visitations or manning the Vinnies OpShop, among other ways. The fact that Jesus highlights these two as the most important, over our sometimes culturally exaggerated taboos, ought to centre us around the yardstick by which our lives will be judged on the last day - our love of God and neighbour. *Have a great week, God Bless, Fr Francis*



Installation of Fr Josh

Last weekend, we celebrated the installation of our parish priest, Fr Josh Whitehead. Bishop Tim, in his last visit to the Sunshine Coast before he takes up his new appointment as the Bishop of Broome, presided over the Mass, which was celebrated by over 350 parishioners from all eleven worshipping communities in our coastal and hinterland parish. In his post-Mass speech, Fr Josh noted that while he was grateful for so many peoples' love, support and encouragement, "*this is a celebration for our entire parish - a celebration of continuity as we head into a time of significant change.*" "*Let's pray for and support each other,*" he said, "*as we take this journey together.*"

Congratulations Fr Josh and OLR Catholic Parish

(more photos on the website)



On the Journey

We congratulate *Bryer Cutler & Olivia Abarasim Muller* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for: *Dawn Smith* whose funeral was on the 1st Nov 1pm at G&W Caloundra.

Rod Anderson whose funeral is on the 5th November 1pm at OLR Caloundra

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

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

Unity should be a paramount concern in our Parish. We should be known, not for being right but for righteousness, for doing what is right in all things, including in God's love. Our parish should also be known for peace.

Peace with God creates peace within others.

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



Love Your Neighbour Christmas Hamper Present Collection for St Vincent de Paul 2024

As our part, of being a vibrant community, the Service & Outreach Team are organising the Christmas Hamper/Present Collection this year. All collections will then be given to our local St Vincent de Paul branches for distribution by the volunteers to the less fortunate and homeless within our community.

Christmas Hamper. We invite you to donate non-perishable items:

e.g. cereals, long life milk, tea, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, canned fruit, canned vegetables, lollies, Christmas Cakes, Christmas Puddings, canned hams, cordial, soft drinks, biscuits, chips, nuts etc

Christmas Presents: for children up to the age of 12 years old unwrapped please.

Also, this year we are asking for donations to St Vincent de Paul Pantries situated in our local areas. **So, in addition to the non-perishable items listed above:** We invite you to donate items such as soup, canned spaghetti or baked beans, canned fruit, biscuits, spreads e.g. peanut butter, jam, vegemite, two-minute noodles, snacks eg muesli bars, fruit in juice cups pk 4, nuts, tea, coffee, toiletry items e.g. toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo etc.

These items can be placed in the plastic tubs at the back of the church.



The Service and Outreach Ministry thank you for your generosity on behalf of all those who will benefit from your gifts.

Please contact Trish via email cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au if you have any questions.

Sisterhood

We're only two weeks away from our parish women's retreat on **23 November at Stella Maris Primary School**. We want to extend this invitation to all women within our deanery to connect with and journey alongside other like-minded Catholics. This is a wonderful opportunity for the women as it's through these encounters that we will come alive as a Church and people of faith.

We're blessed to have Renee Doyle (Net Ministries) and Karen Doyle, (the founder of the Genius Project), speaking to us over the weekend. If you would like to learn more about this amazing event, check the

maroochydoreparish.com.au website for more details, and to register - follow the links to our Sisterhood page. The weekend

begins at 8:30am and finishes at 4pm. The cost is \$40 per person. Just call the Parish Office 54433488 if you have any food allergies etc.

We look forward to seeing you there.



How to hear God's voice - Short course

This informative and practical course runs for 3-weeks and includes video talks accompanied by prayer and discussion for those seeking to grow in knowing the voice of Jesus. The video content comes from the internationally renowned teacher and preacher Fr Mathias Thelen of Encounter Ministries. This course is open to any interested person from across the parish.

Dates: 21st, 28th November & 5th December (Thursdays)

Time: 8am-9:30am

Location: Kawana Good Shepherd Centre, 86 Undara Ave, Buddina

Parish Diary

Monday 4th Nov

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

Tuesday 5th Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 9am
Mass (Maleny) **NO Mass**

Wednesday 6th Nov

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

Thursday 7th Nov

Lay Led liturgy (OLR) 9am
(Currimundi) 9:15am

Friday 8th Nov

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

Saturday 9th Nov

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

Vigil Mass

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 10th Nov

32nd 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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Ladies Lunch

The last Ladies Lunch for the year will be on **Friday 15th November** at 12 noon at Harry's Beach Bistro, 35 Esplanade Headland Kings Beach. All ladies are welcome. If you would like to attend please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 11th November.

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