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**Solemnity of Christ the King - 23/24 November 2024 - Year B**

## Community Consultation Update

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for the way we are progressing in our community consultations. It is anticipated that we will have completed both the first and second parts of the process – Conversations in the Spirit with 8-10 representatives from each community, and a whole-of-community meeting – by Sunday 8th December. I would anticipate the announcement of a new Mass roster (which will commence on 18/19th January) by the weekend of 14/15th December.

**Gratitude**

I am thoroughly edified – enamored even – by the sensible, realistic, and stoic ways that communities and individuals are approaching the conversation. I use the word *stoic* deliberately because it acknowledges the challenge and perhaps even pain of our changes ahead, as well as the lack of complaints – we are in this together! People are most certainly sharing their feelings at this time: anxiety, worry, hope and optimism; this is healthy, and I will continue to encourage this because what people are experiencing is real.

**Challenge of Engagement**

It is abundantly clear from the Conversations in the Spirit which Beth and I have facilitated that many people in our parish experience a warmth and welcome, and sense of belonging and family within their worshipping community; this common thread is pure gold. It is important to note, however – and people have indeed identified this – that those 8-10 parishioners who are engaged in the Conversations in the Spirit represent people with a high level of engagement in their community. One of the larger worshipping communities, for example, when they held their post-Mass community-only discussion, experienced 50% of the congregation choosing not to participate in the conversation.

Friends, it is of *utmost importance* for those who *are* engaged to both encourage engagement (this is most certainly "Ministry in a missionary key", as Pope Francis encourages), and keep in mind the experience of those who may feel they have no voice in this process. Let's keep in mind those who may experience marginalization in all our congregations and civic communities. Perhaps the biggest mistake we could make in our consultation process is to focus on the wants/needs of the engaged members of our worshipping communities.

**Parishioners' Thoughts**

There have been some extremely helpful ideas and observations shared by parishioners about aspects of our process which neither myself, my team and/or other parishioners have thought about. These ideas and observations have been articulated within the context of Conversations in the Spirit – the first and most important consultation phase – and perhaps offers something of God's will for us to consider. One Maleny parishioner, for example, named that when it comes to change, particularly change which impacts normally immovable parts of our life like Mass times, it is natural to go through a period of distress and grieving; this person went further, though, to name the settling down and peace which often follow major change. Another helpful observation from a Kawana parishioner pertained to a challenge which every community has raised: their ageing worshipping population; she went much further than naming the challenge, however, by asking the question: "What can we do to help in this area?"

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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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It is thought and ideas such as these which convince me that the voice of Jesus is directing our Consultation Process – as we heard Jesus say in the Gospel last weekend, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Mark 13:31). Thank you, once again for the positive way you are approaching this conversation. While I would never choose this for our parish, we are all in this together, and so I am confident that God will and already is revealing positive opportunities for our future amidst the challenge of change.

***Peace and blessings, Fr Josh***

## Welcome Eddy!

My name is Edward but you can call me Eddie or Eddy.. I am a seminarian currently studying at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo, Australia, under the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Originally from Nigeria, I have my educational background, having completed my philosophy studies and undertaken some theology in my home country.

My journey in the seminary began in Nigeria, where I was deeply engaged in my studies and spiritual formation. However, due to the insecurities and challenges prevalent in Nigeria, I was unable to complete my seminary education at that time.

Seeking to further my studies, I made the courageous decision to move to Australia. I landed in Sydney where I started doing my master's degree. It was during this transition that I felt a renewed call from God to return to the seminary. Now in my first year at Holy Spirit Seminary, I am committed to deepening my faith and preparing for a life of service in the Church.

As part of my formation, I will be with you for a six week placement in Caloundra. I view this opportunity as a chance to immerse myself in the community and contribute meaningfully while continuing my spiritual growth and other aspects of formation. I am driven by a profound desire to follow God's calling and serve others, and I pray for guidance and strength as I navigate this important phase of my journey. With a heart full of hope and faith, I am eager to embrace the challenges and blessings that lie ahead in my seminary formation and future ministry. ***Looking forward to meeting you all. Blessings, Eddy!***

## Year of Invitation Prayer

My Lord and my God, you never cease to invite me to know, love and follow your Son, Jesus.
Give me the grace and courage to be a channel of your love so that my "yes" to you becomes an invitation to others.
I offer up my entire self – heart, mind and will – to your purpose for me.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## King of the Universe

On the last Sunday of the liturgical year the Church celebrates the solemnity of Christ the King, or "Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe", as it is now called. The kingship of Christ is not about the power or splendour often associated with royalty. The Preface for the Feast describes Christ's Kingdom as "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace".

With so much conflict across the world at present, the Prayer over the Offerings is very appropriate: "As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace".

In the Prayer after Communion we look forward to eternal life with Christ our King: "Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom". ***By Elizabeth Harrington***

## On the Journey

Congratulations to our ***12 young teenagers*** who are making their sacraments at Unity this weekend.

We congratulate ***Elsie Kimani, Francessca & Camellia Hennessey & Quintin Southwell*** who will be baptised at OLR & Landsborough this weekend.

We pray for ***Patricia Hawgood,*** whose memorial service will be at OLR Thursday 28th Nov 11am and ***Karen Eustace*** whose funeral will be on at OLR Friday 28th Nov 11am

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 Dinner Dance 26th April 2025 (Saturday)

It's been a while since our last big celebration. The parish is inviting all parishioners and friends to celebrate an evening filled with great food, entertainment and good fellowship. With the congregation now consisting of people with ancestry coming from over 24 countries, we want to take this as an opportunity to celebrate its cultural diversity and get together as single people of God. Let's bring colour on the night and don your best frock.
Mark the date and watch this space in the future for details!

## Meeters & Greeters

Attention all Meeters and Greeters of all communities and anyone who would like to join this important Ministry.

As we move into these challenging, but exciting changes for our whole Parish, we would like to get together to celebrate our wins and look at how we will move forward.

We have allocated three different times over the weekend of **14th and 15th December** to meet and discuss important issues and share a cuppa. This will be for 1 hour only and will be at Our lady of The Rosary.

**Saturday 14th December is at 3.30pm**
**Sunday 15th December is at 7.30am and 10.30am.**
We encourage all to attend. ***Community Life team.***

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## Family Beach BBQ

The Children and Families Team warmly invites you to a Young Families Beach BBQ on ***Saturday, December 14th, at Happy Valley from 11am to 1pm.*** Join us for a morning of fellowship and fun as we come together to celebrate our parish community! We'll have games and activities for the kids and a free sausage sizzle BBQ. All are welcome, especially families with infants, primary or high school aged kids!

## The Annuals are in!

If you have ordered a Break Open the Word, Ordo or Daily Mass book, please check with your community Leader or collect from the Parish office.

## Taizé Prayer

In the monastery at Taizé, short mantra-like songs create a relaxing style of prayer. As the words are repeated, their reality gradually penetrates our whole being. Singing becomes a way of listening to God. The simplicity and repetition allow us to wait attentively on God. This is a prayer of 'watching', awakening and listening. It is very much in the spirit of the Advent Scriptures. Come and relax in this beautiful prayer ***OLR on Tuesday 10 Dec at 7pm***. **https://www.taize.fr/en**

## Parish Diary

**Monday 25th Nov**
Mass **(OLR)** 9am
Adoration **(OLR)** 9.30am

**Tuesday 26th Nov**
Mass **(OLR)** 9am
Rosary **(OLR)** 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary **(Maleny)** 8am
Mass **(Maleny)** 9am

**Wednesday 27th Nov**
**Mass (UNITY)** 7.50am
School Liturgy **(OLR)** 9am
**(Lt Mt)** 9.30am

**Thursday 28th Nov**
Mass **(OLR)** 9am
**(Currimundi)** 9:15am

**Friday 29th Nov**
**Mass (OLR)** 9am
Adoration/Rosary **(Lands)** 8am
**Mass (Lands)** 9am

**Saturday 30th Nov**
*St Andrew, apostle feast day*
Reconciliation **(OLR)** 8.30am
Mass **(OLR)** 9am

**Vigil Mass**
*1st Sunday of Advent*
Mass **(OLR)** 5pm
Mass **(Beerwah)** 5pm

**Sunday 1st Dec**
*1st Sunday of Advent*
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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## In Joyful Hope - Advent & Christmas Music

All parishioners are invited to a joyous Advent celebration at Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough on Sunday, **1st December commencing at 3:00pm** and followed by cool drinks and delicious nibblies. All are welcome, see you there!

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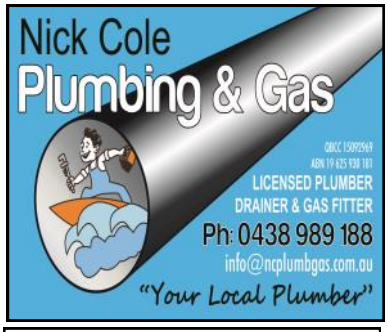


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