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Transfigured Lives, Transformed Parish: Becoming More Like Christ

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain. Peter, James and John witness something extraordinary. Jesus' face shines like the sun and his clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appear with him and the voice of the Father declares, "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him." It is a moment of revelation. The disciples glimpse the glory of Christ and their understanding of him deepens. But they cannot remain on the mountain. Jesus leads them back down to continue their mission.



This Gospel is not only about Jesus revealing his glory. It is also about transformation. The disciples are changed by what they see and hear. They descend the mountain with a new awareness, ready to follow Christ more deeply. This is the invitation before us as a parish. Christ calls us to be transformed (most especially during Lent), both personally and as a community of faith. *We are not meant to stay as we are but to grow in holiness, in mission and in love for one another.*

Have you ever gone to another church and felt like a complete stranger? Perhaps you weren't greeted at the door, felt alone and left feeling like something was missing? I know I have. My hope for our parish is for every person who walks through the doors to feel a great sense of welcome, to feel loved and know they have a place here in our parish community. And this is everyone's responsibility because "what you did to the least of my brothers you did to me", says Jesus (Matthew 25:40).

Culture can be defined as the shared values of a group and continues over time, even as its members change. Culture is what we celebrate and what we tolerate. Changing the culture of a parish does not happen overnight. It begins with each of us making a decision to listen to Christ and respond with faith. It means renewing our commitment to prayer, to welcoming others and to serving those in need. It means seeing our parish not as something that exists for us alone ("me and Jesus") but as a beacon of Christ's light for the whole community ("we and Jesus"). The Transfiguration reminds us that the Church is meant to radiate the glory of Christ. When we live as disciples who are open to transformation, we reflect that light to the world.

A significant way we participate in this transformation is by supporting the mission of the Church. Our giving is not just about keeping the lights on or maintaining buildings. It is about making possible the work of formation & evangelisation (i.e Alpha, Lenten Mini Mission, bible studies, Prayer and fellowship groups) the investing in the youth (Kingdom Kids, Kingdom Youth Group, Young Adults), Service and Outreach (Rosies, St Vincent De Paul, Care for Creation Group, Pastoral Care Call Centre), and cultivating belonging for people of all ages with regular post-mass hospitality, just to mention a few things we do to continue the Mission of God in the world!

Peter wanted to build tents to stay in the glory of the moment, but Jesus calls us to something greater. We can't stay on the mountaintop forever but need to bring that transfiguration moment to others for them to encounter Christ through our hospitality and generosity. He calls us to build his Church, not with tents but with living faith, active discipleship and generous hearts.

As we reflect on the Transfiguration, let us ask ourselves: How is Christ calling me to change? How can I be part of renewing our parish? How can I contribute to the mission of the Church with my time, my talents and my resources? When we open ourselves to transformation, we become part of God's work in our midst. Our giving is not just an act of generosity but a response to God's mission. Just as Jesus gave his life for this mission, we too are called to give of ourselves (our time, talent, treasure) in faith and love. Together, we can make our parish a place where Christ's light shines brightly, drawing others into the beauty of his love.

Journey well this Lent and be transfigured into the image and likeness of Christ!

Fr Gerard

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

Help Us Build a Parish that Actively Welcomes and Accompanies New Catholics

Dear Parish Family, our call as a **missionary parish** is clear: we are to be a community that actively **walks with others** on their journey of faith. As we strive to be more **co-responsible**, we must ask ourselves—how are we responding to those who are already seeking Christ?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is one of the most powerful ways we can **put our faith into action**. Those exploring the Catholic faith need more than instruction; they need **witnesses, mentors, and companions**—people who will walk beside them, pray for them, and make them feel truly at home in our Church.

We **cannot do this alone**. We need parishioners who are willing to be **sponsors, prayer partners, and guides**—people who will reflect the love of Christ through simple yet profound acts of hospitality, encouragement, and support.

This is not just a request—it's our mission. **Our parish cannot grow in faith unless we are helping others do the same.** Will you help us build a parish that welcomes and accompanies those seeking Jesus?

With hope and gratitude, Fr Josh

What is your Lenten journey leading to?

In this second week of Lent, as we lean into fasting, prayer and almsgiving, a question we are drawn to ponder is how we are growing and expanding our faith and interaction with God. Are our faith practices opening a way for more community with each other and with the ultimate community – the Holy Trinity? It is in reaching out to others and sharing what we have that we leave an open hand with which to receive. Alpha holds a unique place in our parish life, as encapsulates an opportunity to encounter God and grow new connections and community as we seek God together.



A week after Easter our first Alpha course of the year will commence. Alpha brings people together from different walks of life to ask and ponder the big questions. It is a perfect place to discover or discuss again what we believe with people of differing perspectives and offers a chance to invite and accompany someone who is searching and asking big questions in their life. During your Lenten journey I would challenge you to consider how you are pursuing growth and life in your faith and ask, Holy Spirit what is my next step? Alpha is a beautiful way to engage with others and with what you believe with fresh eyes. Fresh eyes allow us to see what has been hidden from us in plain sight. If you are curious, or have someone in mind that you would like to accompany, you can register right now as registrations are open.

Scan to Register



The course will run on a **Monday afternoon in Landsborough (commencing 28th April)** and on a **Tuesday evening in Caloundra (commencing 29th of April)** and runs through **until the 30th and 1st of July respectively**. You can scan the QR code below to register or contact the office and they can fill the form out for you over the phone- (Don't delay as spots are limited). If you want to know more about Alpha contact the Parish office and they can connect you with someone to answer your questions.

Hope to see you there, Faith Formation Team.

On the Journey

We pray for **Sharon Harnett & Joey Dunne** who have recently died, their funerals will be at OLR 11am on 25th March & 27th March respectively, 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.

Children and Families

Encounter Kids Fun day is back!

📅 Thursday, 10th April (School Holidays)

🕒 9:00am – 3:00pm 📍 OLR Parish Centre

Get ready for an action-packed day filled with games, activities, engaging messages, and prayer, all designed to give kids a joyful and powerful encounter with the Catholic faith.

Who's it for: Children from Prep to Grade 6

Cost: \$20 per child; \$50 per family of 3 or more

How to Register: Visit our Parish website at caloundracatholicparish.net and sign up via the Linktree or QR code



Spaces are limited,
so register today!
We look forward to
seeing you there.



World Day of Prayer
AUSTRALIA

World Day of Prayer – 28th March (Re-scheduled due to the cyclone!)

All parishioners are invited to join with the members of five

other Christian faiths to celebrate the 2025 World Day of Prayer.

WDP has the motto: *Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.*

This year, the service has been prepared by the WDP Committee of

The Cook Islands with the theme, *"I Made You Wonderful"*

Everyone is welcome to celebrate WDP at a church near you.

- Caloundra Uniting Church 9.15am m/tea, 10am Prayer Service
- Kawana Uniting Church 9.30am
- Maleny Uniting Church 9.30am Please bring a plate to share for morning tea
- Beerwah Church on the Rise 9.30am



Mini Mission

A huge thank you to all those who came and witnessed Fr Richard Leonard who spoke to us over 3 days. Despite the effects of Cyclone Alfred and low numbers Monday, which was made up on line with people watching, Fr Richard provided the Parishioners with inspiration, joy in laughter, some tears but most of all hope in Lent.

A special thanks to **Holy Cross Funerals** who sponsored the yummy morning teas and thanks to our hospitality team who helped serve over the 3 days.

Check out our website for some photos from the event.

Parish Diary

Monday 17 Mar

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

Tuesday 18 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 19 Mar

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

Thursday 20 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 21 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Stations of the Cross 9.30am (OLR)
Mass (Beerwah) 9am
Stations of the Cross 9.30am (Beerwah)

Saturday 22 Mar

NO Morning Mass (OLR)
9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation
and Adoration

Vigil Masses

3rd Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm
Held at Unity Chapel till Easter

Sunday 23 Mar

2nd Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 7.30am
Mass (Lands) 9am (1/3/5 Sunday)
Mass (Maleny) 9am (2/4 Sunday)
Mass (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Unity) 5pm
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Hurry! Only 6 weeks to go. Have you bought your ticket yet?



DINNER & DANCE

26th April 2025 (Sat) | 5.30pm to 11pm
Sunshine Coast Function Centre Caloundra RSL
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