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Fourth Sunday of Lent 29/30 March 2025- Year C

Stepping Out to be Renewed



In the past weeks I have felt more and more challenged by God. The question that keeps coming up is - how am I reaching out to those who would never consider walking into the church? The barriers for people are big and can be based on who they perceive God to be and what they think being part of a church is. There are two potentially overwhelming realities to grapple with bundled into this challenge;

- 1) Every Baptised person is on a mission to share the Good News of Jesus in word and in deed – articulating and spreading the Gospel is our primary call as Catholics (Mt 28:19).
- 2) In order to fulfil this call, we need to go outside the church to the highways and byways to be Christ and to tell them where our hope comes from (1 Peter 3:15).

I have been an engaged and enthusiastic believer all my life - I love Jesus – but this does not mean I have always felt equipped to communicate this to others. A powerful tool for me has been returning to what Revelation calls “our first love” or “what you did at first” (Revelation 2:4). In this passage we are called back to the initial fire and hope contained in Jesus' message of freedom. In this passage in Revelation Jesus identifies how we can get caught in the minutiae of church life and different understandings and lose sight of the most important thing. Jesus calls us to step into renewal and rediscovery of the foundational reason for our belonging to the body of Christ. I have found every time I return to the message of Jesus' saving love, I find something new, something precious and I never get sick of it!

The upcoming Alpha course offers the chance to be refreshed and renewed in a personal experience and understanding of faith. It is a space where you can invite those in your life who are not part of the church to ask questions and discover the life changing truth of the Good News. Alpha is a place for those who are curious about faith, God or the Church. It is also a place where “we” can reach out to those outside the Church and invite them to discover who Jesus REALLY is. My invitation to you is to come and be RENEWED and REFRESHED and, in the process, bring someone who has questions.

Just this last week I was at a shopping centre in Brisbane with a friend. Before I left to meet her, I had felt a small nudge from God that He was sending me to someone. As my friend and I were leaving I saw a lady walk by and as she did, I knew that she was the lady God wanted me to talk to. My friend needed to go, and we were ‘busy’, and I didn't stop because it was inconvenient. To my shame, I did not walk back. I did not step aside. I let her go. I will never know what may have come from stepping out, what good and beautiful thing God may have done with my step of faith. It was an opportunity that I will never receive again. Don't let this chance pass you by, step out in faith. Invite and accompany someone to Alpha and discover what God will do.

Beth – Mission Co-ordinator on behalf of the Faith & Formation Team

Scan to Register



Alpha

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 of June and 1st of July respectively.**

You can scan the QR code to register or contact the parish office.



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

Sacrificial Giving

I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you who have already responded, or who are prayerfully considering your response, to the annual sacrificial giving preaching series held over the past two weeks. Your openness and willingness to say "Yes" to God's invitation fills me with immense gratitude and hope. As mentioned in the homily last weekend, pledge cards and envelopes are available in the pews this weekend. May I ask each giver in the parish (a couple or family normally represents one giver), to complete the pledge card and return it in the collection basket. This will allow my small finance team to know how many givers we have in our parish - an utterly necessary aspect of budgeting.

Through your generosity, we are reminded of the beauty of our faith – a faith rooted in love, sacrifice, and the call to serve. Your "Yes" reflects not only your trust in God's Providence, but also your commitment to building a vibrant parish community that walks together in faith, guiding others to encounter the life-changing love of Jesus. Together, we can continue to grow as a community that actively accompanies and uplifts one another, drawing closer to Christ and sharing His light with the world. May God bless you abundantly for the sacrifices you make and the love you show through your support of our parish.

With deep gratitude and prayers, *Fr Josh*

Term 2 Sacrament of Confirmation

All baptised children from grade 3 and up are welcome to celebrate their Confirmation in Term 2.

The program starts on **6th May at 5-6pm in the OLR Church**, and runs for 6 weeks with the Confirmation ceremony on **Friday 13th June**.

You will need to attend all sessions to be able to celebrate the sacrament.

To register there are 2 steps:

1st step if you haven't already done so please join Flocknote and complete the details for your family via the QR Code

2nd step please complete the registration form via this QR code.

For any questions please contact the Parish office at caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



Flocknote



Registration form



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Hurry! Only 4 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
19 West Terrace Caloundra

Ticket costs \$79 includes 3 course meal, welcome drink and live band entertainment



Click on the QR Code or go to our website or parish office.

Please support this event and enjoy the night with parish community and friends.

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

Rosters for Easter Triduum

If you are around for Easter and are coming to join in our Easter Triduum and are able to help at any of the Mass centres, please see your roster coordinator or put your name on the roster sheet in the church. Thank you

Parish Diary

Monday 31 Mar

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

Tuesday 1 April

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

Wednesday 2 April

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

Thursday 3 April

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

Friday 4 April

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

Saturday 5 April

NO Reconciliation at (OLR)
Adoration only at OLR

2nd Rite at Landsborough
at 9am on Saturday

Vigil Masses

5th Sunday of Lent
Mass (OLR) 5pm

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

Sunday 6 April

5th 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

Encounter Kids Fun Day



Thursday, 10th April (School Holidays)
9:00am – 3:00pm OLR Parish Centre

Who's it for:

Children from Prep to Grade 6

Cost:

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

How to Register:

To sign up, click the QR Code here:

We look forward to seeing you there!



Badge Orders

Due to the current volume of badge orders, the waiting time can be up to 4 weeks. Please email the office after 4 weeks if you have not received your badge. Thank you.



Lucy L

Enjoy the hospitality this weekend with fellow Parishioners!

Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants

We wish to remind parents with children up to the age of 7, wishing for them to be baptized, that the next preparation meeting is at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra, on **Thursday 3rd April 7-8pm**.

At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates.

To book in for the preparation evening please email the Parish office

caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



As a Parish family we would like to congratulate
Joel Henschell & Natalie Purton
who were married on Thursday at Ilkley.

On the Journey

We congratulate **Albie & Tanner Alick, Oliver Landers, Roman & Piper White** who will be baptised at OLR & Landsborough this weekend.

We pray for **Maureen Hannan** who has died, and her funeral will be at OLR 11.30am on 8th April, may her soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

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