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## Fifth Sunday of Lent 5/6 April 2025- Year C

### Listening to God's Voice

Praying over the Thursday readings this past week, I was struck by Jesus' words to the religious authorities of his day: "You have never *heard his voice*, you have never seen his shape, and *his word finds no home in you* because you do not believe in *the one* he has sent" (Jn 5:37-38, emphasis added).

While this scriptural passage appears to be an accusation, the Good News it contains is that in the light of Jesus' resurrection and the gift of His Holy Spirit, we can indeed **discern Jesus' voice, experience the Word** at home in our hearts, and **intimately know "the One,"** Jesus, whom God has sent for our salvation. Experiencing these things at a human level, however, often requires a humility that causes curious questions such as, "What might God be trying to reveal to me?" "What is Jesus saying to me?" and "How is the Holy Spirit moving in me?" The way you might discern the voice and presence of the Lord in your life will be different from the person next to you, but there are three commonalities.

The **first** commonality is prayer. I was at a faith formation workshop a couple of years ago with one of the best speakers in our Archdiocese, Deacon Peter Pellicaan. At the end of his talk, which focused on different aspects of a healthy faith life, one of the audience members stood up and courageously shared what she was experiencing in that moment. She said,

*"But Deacon Peter, everything you've just shared presupposes that we pray. I don't pray; I don't know how to pray. I come to Mass every week, but no one has ever taught me how to pray outside of saying the prayers I know by heart."*

Friends, if the Bible tells us one thing, it is that God desires to be in relationship with all of humanity. If the last 2,000 years of Christianity reveal one thing (big 'T' Tradition, which is a source of Divine Revelation), it is that relationship with God takes place through Jesus, and that it takes place first and foremost through prayer. Somewhere in the 20th century, however, we created a culture where reception of the Eucharist was the primary requirement of a healthy faith life. It is no surprise that Archbishop Mark, following the 2023 Archdiocesan Summit, placed 'Teaching Prayer' at the top of a list of 12 Apostolic Priorities. Discerning the voice and presence of Jesus in our lives requires a deliberate approach to praying in which we listen more than we speak. As the Lord says through the Psalmist, "Be still, and know that I am God" (46:10), and through the pen of St. John, "My sheep listen to my voice" (7:16). Following the four S's is a helpful way to seek and discern the **Voice** and **Presence** of Jesus in our hearts: **Stillness, Silence, Solitude, and Scripture.**

The **second** commonality people may experience is noticing what strikes us or draws our attention. As I sat with the words of Scripture above, I was drawn to reflect upon the words of a Psalm: "The voice of the Lord **is** full of power; the voice of the Lord **is** full of splendour" (29:3-4). I was struck by the way I was drawn from "You have never heard my voice," to "The voice of the Lord full of power." There have been many times when I've experienced a powerful word that has caught my attention during prayer. When that word has drawn me into love, forgiveness, peace, or patience, it is sometimes clear that the Voice of the Lord Jesus has been present. While my experience may be unique, people often experience some sense of being struck by a word or phrase from the Bible that draws them to discern the powerful Voice and Presence of Jesus in their lives.

The **third** commonality people experience is an emotion that is given by God (e.g., love, joy, peace). Generationally, many people have been taught not to trust their emotions. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, contemporary psychology studies argued whether emotions were caused by the body or not. It wasn't until the 1960s that modern psychological approaches to emotion were developed – namely, that certain emotions are automatically triggered by objects and events in the world, while others result from the cognitive interpretation of objects and events. God desires so much more for us than an emotionless faith life that is rooted in what we faithfully do and the actions we choose. The Psalms, amongst many other Scriptures, demonstrate that God's desire is for our joyful response to what God has done and is doing in our lives. I can do no more than encourage you to choose **daily personal private prayer**; to pray in a way that involves **listening to** and **meditating on** what draws your attention, as well as **noticing emotions** that are given, so that you may be empowered to notice and discern the **Voice** and **Presence** of Jesus in your heart and mind.

*Peace and blessings, Fr. Josh*

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



## 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](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)



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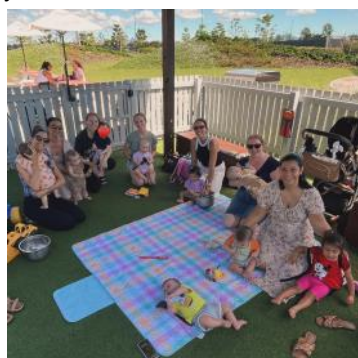


Registration form

## Children and Families Ministry Update

The Children and Families Team have had a wonderful start to the year – and we have so much more in store for you in the next few months!

On **Saturday 22nd March** we held a **Junior Altar Servers Day**. We had 10 children between Grades 4-8 come along to learn how to Altar Serve in our parish! Make sure to keep an eye out for them at OLR, Unity and Notre Dame Mass Centres over the next few months (and give them a high five after, for doing a great job!). If you have a child who would be interested in learning to Altar Serve, please let us know – we may even hold a second training day this year!



Our fortnightly **Mums & Bubs group** has also been a massive success! If you are a mum with young children and would like to come along, please reach out to Amelia [willmera@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:willmera@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information!

You may have noticed at our OLR and Notre Dame Mass Centres, we are beginning to develop and create a **play corner for 0-2yr olds**! Our hopes are that this space will create a welcoming and accessible environment for families with young children, making mass more enjoyable and accommodating! Keep an eye out for this space next time you come to an OLR or Notre Dame Mass!

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**Here are the rest of our upcoming events for Term 1 & Term 2:**

**Thursday 10th April, 9am-3pm (OLR Parish Centre): Encounter Kids Day** (Targeted at those from Prep – Grade 6).

**Tuesday 29th April & Tuesday 17th June, 4pm-5:30pm at Unity College Hall:**

Launch of our new **Kingdom Kids Youth Group** (Targeted at those in Grade 4-6).

**Tuesday May 6th, Sacramental Program** (for First Confirmation) commences.

**Saturday 28th June, Family Fun Day** (more details to come soon!)

To Register for these events, visit our Linktree



For more information, please email us at [cp.childrenandfamilies@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.childrenandfamilies@bne.catholic.net.au) or check out our web page under Ministry Areas on the website.



These events and initiatives are a great way to build connections and relationships with other families within the parish and provide your kids with an awesome opportunity to connect with other likeminded children in the community!

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at any time!

*God Bless,  
Children and Families Ministry Team  
(Fr Gerard, Amelia, Julie, Nadine, Mark & David)*

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



### Whole Parish Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 11th April at 12 noon** at **Pelican Waters Bowls Club 49 Nelson Street Golden Beach**. All ladies from the whole parish are most welcome. If you would like to come please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 7th April so we can confirm numbers.

### St Vincent de Paul Society Good Shepherd Conference Kawana - S O S

Preparations are well on the way for our 2 Day book and plant sale to be held on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 8am-3pm** at the Kawana Catholic Community Centre Nanyima St. Buddina (opposite the Kawana Library).



This is now our major fundraising event. We are desperately in need of plants, decorative pots and garden items. If you are able to assist, please contact Kathy on 0432 711 282 and for book donations, call Maria on 0427 181 089.



Your continued support and generosity are always greatly appreciated.

**If you ordered a badge please collect your badge from your Mass centre.**

**Saturday 12th April is the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation at OLR Church 9am. All are welcome**



### Palm Cross Folding

Come along, meet other parishioners and fold palm crosses for the upcoming Palm Sunday. All are welcome.  
**10am, Saturday 12th April, OLR Parish Centre (Egan Room).**

### Federal Election 2025

As Australians prepare to vote in the federal election, Catholics have a vital role in shaping our nation's future. To read more about Catholic Social Teaching, scan the QR code → or visit this link: [bit.ly/ElectionStatement2025](https://bit.ly/ElectionStatement2025)



## Parish Diary

### Monday 7 April

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

### Tuesday 8 April

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

### Wednesday 9 April

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 10 April

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

### Friday 11 April

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

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

### Saturday 12 April

2nd Rite Reconciliation  
9am at (OLR)  
Followed by Adoration

### Vigil Masses

#### Palm Sunday

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Held at Unity Chapel till Easter

### Sunday 13 April

#### Palm Sunday

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



As a Parish family we would like to congratulate  
**Michael Jones & Caitlin Williamson**  
who were married this weekend.

### On the Journey

We congratulate **Noah Godinho Favoreto, Aimee Mozzini-Alister, Luiza & Maria Castilho Reis, Alfie & Tobias Davies** who will be baptised at OLR & Landsborough this weekend.

We pray for **Maureen Hannan** 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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