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The Future of Leadership: An Easter Call to Renewed Mission

As we celebrate the joy of the Risen Christ this Easter, we are reminded of the power of the resurrection—not only in our personal lives but also in the life of the Church. Let us be reminded of St Paul's words to the Philippians: "All I want to know is Christ, and the power of His resurrection" (3:10). Easter is a season of hope, of new beginnings, and of renewed mission. At this holy time, we are called to reflect not only on the miracle of Jesus' resurrection but also on what it means to be His Church in today's world.

This is not merely an administrative challenge—it is a spiritual and missional one that belongs to all the baptised. Our parish's mission is to be a *vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus*. This mission cannot be accomplished without mission-oriented people who are empowered to use their charisms to participate in this mission. And so, in the face of these changes, we are invited to reimagine what leadership in the Church looks like.

Redefining Leadership

Simply reshuffling parish boundaries or expecting priests to "do more with less" will not solve this challenge. What is needed is a redefinition of leadership in the Church—one rooted in our baptismal call and guided by the Holy Spirit. Leadership must no longer be seen solely as the role of the ordained. Instead, it is a shared vocation among all the baptized, rooted in service, mission, and the Gospel. Our call this Easter is to rise with Christ into a new vision of Church life—one where clergy and laity work together as co-responsible leaders in mission.

Train and Educate Leaders

First, we must invest in the **formation of both clergy and lay leaders**. Our leaders need to be equipped with the skills and spiritual depth necessary for mission-focused leadership. This includes theological education, pastoral training, and leadership development centred on evangelization and discipleship. Too often, priests are expected to be effective leaders, administrators, counsellors, teachers, and spiritual guides as soon as they are ordained. Likewise, many laypeople feel ill-equipped to step into leadership roles, even when they are eager to serve. Providing formation opportunities for all will help us build a culture where leadership is shared, supported, and spiritually grounded. Archdiocesan Ministries is once again facilitating the Catholic Leadership Intensive – a 10-session leadership program run on Monday evenings starting on 12 May. This will be open to all parishioners; please see inside the newsletter for enquiry details.

Embedding Mission-Focused Pastoral Leaders

In response to the opportunities before us, our parish is actively developing a **new leadership structure** that aligns with our mission and the evolving needs of our community. One key part of this renewal is the introduction of *Mission-Focused Pastoral Leaders* embedded within each of our Mass communities. These lay leaders will be intentionally formed and supported to lead with a clear focus on mission, not just maintenance. Their role is to help each community move beyond simply "keeping things running" and instead actively create spaces where people can encounter Jesus. This means fostering a culture of welcome, encouraging spiritual growth, promoting service, and building strong teams of volunteers and ministers.

This model is not about replacing the priest, but about expanding the leadership capacity of our parish.

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Office closure - Easter Monday, Anzac Day (25/4) and Labour Day (5/5)

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It is about ensuring every Mass community has someone dedicated to drawing people deeper into discipleship and ensuring that mission remains the heart of all we do. With clergy stretched thin across multiple sites, this structure offers a hopeful and sustainable path forward—one where we all take responsibility for the spiritual life and mission of the Church.

A Harvest Waiting

In Matthew 9:37, Jesus tells His disciples, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few."* This verse feels especially timely in our current moment. There is no shortage of need, no shortage of people longing for hope, healing, and belonging. But there is a shortage of labourers—of leaders—willing to go into the fields. This Easter, let us renew our commitment to being those labourers. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood—but also for vocations to lay leadership, to pastoral ministry, to accompaniment and evangelization. Let us be a parish that actively seeks out, supports, and forms new leaders. Let us be a community that brings others to encounter the Risen Jesus—through vibrant worship, compassionate service, and a shared commitment to the mission of the Church. Christ is risen! May we rise with Him, and may our leadership rise to meet the needs of this new day.

Peace and Easter Blessings, Fr Josh

Volunteer Needed

Are you proficient in the use of *Canva*? Are you available for a couple of hours each week? We would love to chat with you about a new volunteer opportunity in the parish office. Please contact Vicki or Amelia for more information.

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



Equipping Today's Leaders For Tomorrow's Church

In these 10 sessions, clergy and laity will learn side-by-side as we explore contemporary leadership practices integrated with scripture and the example set by Jesus and His followers: think Brené Brown, Simon Sinek and Stephen Covey meet Jesus, St Peter and St Paul. The CLI offers the chance to learn and grow together as part of the Parish Hub. To register your interest email the parish caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au and we will send you more details.

Join us as we seek to build intentional leadership in our parishes and communities.

Time: 7-9pm Monday evenings

Date: 12 May – 28 July 2025 (excl. school holidays)

Cost: \$150 pp – Parish/Community groups of 5 or more*
\$150 pp – 18 to 35 year olds



Dear Prayer Intercessors

We recently changed to sending out our prayer requests via Flocknote and unfortunately we lost a lot of you on the transfer over from the old system. If you have not been receiving the weekly Prayer requests and you would like to continue receiving it, could you please send an email to the office asking to be added to the list. Thank you and I apologise for the hiccup. *Regards Trish Harding.*

Alpha Alpha Alpha

Who are you Inviting to Alpha?

Our Alpha course is starting in less than a week. Have you considered if it's time for you or a friend to ask some questions and consider faith again, or for the first time.

Scan to Register



The course will run :

**Monday afternoon in Landsborough from 28th April 2-4pm,
and Tuesday evening from 29th April in Caloundra 6-8pm.**



A Warm Welcome

Welcome to everyone joining us today! Whether you are travelling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country. Thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration of Christ's Resurrection. We hope you feel at home among us.



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



Flocknote



Registration form

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

REMINDER TO ATTENDEES

DINNER & DANCE

26th April 2025 (Sat) - Caloundra RSL



1. Door opens at 5.30 pm
2. Attire: Semi-formal **OR** "Don your best frock"
3. Don't forget to bring your ticket. Stub to be collected for drink and canapes and door prize.
4. If you haven't already picked up ticket please do so or advise the office you will collect at the door.

Hope you have fun on the night!

Divine Mercy Sunday

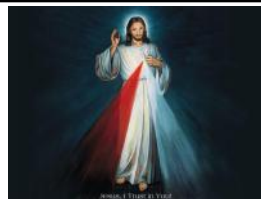
Sunday, 27 April St Mary's Church Buderim

1:30pm: Greetings and homily (Fr Gerard) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany

3:00pm: Benediction Blessing of Divine Mercy images & items

Mass: Attend your usual Mass or Polish Mass at 4 pm at St Mary's

Confession: (one priest only). To obtain an indulgence, Confession is able to take place one week before or after the Feast Day.



Parish Diary

Monday 21 April

Public Holiday

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 22 April

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

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Wednesday 23 April

Liturgy (OLR School) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 24 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 25 April

Anzac Day

Public Holiday

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 26 April

NO Morning Mass (OLR)

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation and Adoration

Vigil Masses

2nd Sunday of Easter

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

Sunday 27 April

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

Project Compassion

As the Lenten season is coming to an end, please return your project compassion Envelopes.



On the Journey

We congratulate **Brodie & Maddisyn Amsler, Ailani, Koa, Melia Wignall and Curtis Slater** who will be baptised at Notre Dam Easter Vigil Mass this weekend. We also congratulate **Matthew O'Shea** who will be receiving all three sacraments Easter Sunday at Our Lady of the Way Landsborough.

We pray for all the families who have lost a loved one at this time, may their soul and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

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