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**5th Sunday 17/18 May 2025- Year C**

## Being a Living Sacrifice

The Readings on the Fifth Sunday of Easter incorporate a theme of special offering and dedication. Paul & Barnabas appoint and set aside leaders for the churches they had established. The Apocalypse (Revelation) speaks of the establishment of the New Jerusalem like a bride being presented to her Husband, and in the Gospel, Jesus speaks of God being glorified through His own victorious sacrifice on the cross.

These scriptures all resonate with a sense of a joyous offering. An offering of something precious, so that others might be renewed, liberated, encouraged and transformed.

Part of the mystery of our journey into union with Jesus, the Anointed One, is that we are anointed by Him to be an offering to God for His glory for the good of others. St Paul succinctly states in Romans 12:1-2

*"Therefore, brethren, I implore you by the mercies of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and acceptable to God – a spiritual act of worship."*

While these words can sound grandiose and distant from our everyday lives in the parish community, there are opportunities everywhere to joyfully give of our time, resources and skills for the service of the others and the glory of God.

Monday is the beginning of National Volunteer's week which culminates in our second annual **Parish Service Day at all Masses next weekend**. On this day our Ministry teams will provide information about opportunities around the parish where each of us can engage and offer a joyful sacrifice to God in service. In the lead up to next Sunday, I invite you to pray that God reveals to you where your joyful sacrifice might lie.

You might consider volunteering for a role at Sunday Mass such as a reader, extraordinary minister of communion, or a welcomer or greeter. You might feel called to assist with hospitality after Mass, take communion to the sick or housebound, to pray for those seeking a new awakening through the RCIA process or ALPHA, or simply visit someone you haven't seen in a while.

All the ministries in our parish fall under six teams: Worship, Community Life, Children & Families, Faith & Formation, Service & Outreach, and Youth and Young Adults. These ministry areas will be represented at all Masses. Through actions and gifts, both seen and unseen, everyone can vibrantly engage in the life of our parish. By doing so, we, as a community, will be better able to accompany people to encounter Jesus. I encourage you, like St Paul did, to consider where you might offer yourself as a joyful living sacrifice unto God for His glory and the blessing of others. In this coming week pray and ask God to show you what you can offer to encourage and bless others.

"If you ask anything according to His will, God will answer you." (1John5:14-15)

**Beth Davies**  
**Mission Coordinator**



## Archdiocesan Mass May Count

Don't forget that during the month of May we are counting.



### Service and Outreach

As we move through May, the Service and Outreach team would like to highlight key upcoming events in our Church Calendar and invite you to join us.



As part of Laudato Si week: On Wednesday 21 May, 7.00pm- 8.00pm (followed by a cuppa) The OLR Laudato Si' Care for Creation Group will be hosting a "War on Waste - What we can do!" presentation @ OLR Catholic Church, 61 Edmund St. Caloundra. All are warmly invited to a relaxed and friendly presentation by EnviroCom for the Sunshine Coast Council to find out how we can help make a more sustainable future for all. **PRACTICAL ACTIONS.** Learn what small changes we can make that, in the end, will result in a huge impact. Learn what the Sunshine Coast Council is doing to minimise and manage waste.

*"There is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle." Pope Francis, Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home.*

The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2025 (27 May-3 June) is **Bridging Now to Next** - reflecting the ongoing connection between past, present and future. With this theme calling for us all to step forward together, we invite parishioners to attend:

**Aunty Betty Memorial Reconciliation Walk, Wednesday 28 May, 10.00am-12noon.** Dicky Beach Park, Caloundra. Whilst honouring the life and work of Aunty Betty McMahon, a highly respected local Aboriginal Elder, attendees will have the opportunity to explore community stalls and experience cultural sharing with Lyndon Davis and the Gubbi Gubbi Dance Troupe. All are welcome. See Parish website for more information under Service & Outreach.



**What is a Reconciliation Action Plan? and Why have a RAP?**

**Saturday 31 May, Morning Tea 10.30am Presentation 11.00am-12 Noon.**

OLR Catholic Church, 61 Edmund St. Caloundra. Hosted by OLR Service & Outreach Ministry Team.

All are most welcome to hear Joni McCourt (Archdiocesan RAP Manager) and Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministry Coordinator) explore these questions. A RAP focuses on strengthening relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and piloting strategies for further reconciliation commitments and empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the Archdiocese

of Brisbane.

*This is not about politics or ideology; it's about the Gospel. So that, in the power of the Gospel, we can walk together the path of a genuine and lasting Reconciliation. Archbishop Mark Coleridge.*

### THANK YOU -From St Vincent de Paul Good Shepherd Kawana

Our recent fundraising book and plant sale raised the record amount of \$7447. So many people need to be thanked for this incredible result. A sincere thank you to everyone who supported us so generously with amazing donations of plants, books and other items. To our little team of members and Kawana community helpers who gave of their time over the 4 days assisting with numerous jobs. Finally, to all those, whether regular or first timers who came out, in between the showers, to purchase items and support the work of St Vincent de Paul in the local community. These funds will go a long way in assisting those experiencing difficult times. Congratulations and well done everyone.



### Celebrating our parish volunteers

National Volunteer Week is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteers and volunteerism. Last year parishioners contributed thousands of hours of their time and talent in support of our mission and each other. This year's theme, Connecting Communities, acknowledges the power of volunteering to bring people together in unity - something we pray for every time we celebrate Mass. Thank you to all our parish volunteers for your continued connection and immeasurable impact. Together we will enable flourishing lives, foster thriving communities, and build a Christ-centred future for all our communities.

### On the Journey

We congratulate **Rylee Hancock and Rose & David Caughey** who will be baptised at Caloundra and Landsborough this weekend.

We pray for **Diane Lavering & Pamela Butler** whose funerals will be at OLR 11am on the 23rd May & 27th May respectively. We also pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, may they

**Rest in Peace.**

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**ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV**

From some time back, I thought Cardinal Robert Prevost was a rough chance to be elected Pope. But I was surprised when I woke early to the news of his election as Pope Leo XIV. I was also delighted.

He is US-born but is a genuine citizen of the world and the kind of polyglot that presumes. His father was of Italian-French background and his mother had Spanish heritage, which is why he looks Latin. He's spent much of his ministerial life in Peru, and for some years was the Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine. This took him to every part of the world, including Australia which he visited several times.

It was Pope Francis who tapped him, surprisingly, for the crucial role of Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops which oversees the appointment and management of bishops around the world. This too gave him a birdseye view of the global Church and a sense of how the Roman Curia works. It also gave him a profile among the Cardinal electors.

In the role, he quickly acquired a reputation as approachable, modest, pastoral, nonideological, reasonable and firm - qualities he had shown as Prior General of the Augustinians.

My own brief dealings with him left me impressed. He struck me as a man who could listen and who was hard to fluster, a good driver in heavy traffic.

His rise to bishop, cardinal and pope has been rapid; so too was his election.

But he isn't a man to rush things; he has an air of calm about him.

That will serve him well as Pope.

He will continue basic trajectories of the Francis pontificate, but he will be his own man. In some ways he's a Francis creation, but he isn't a Francis clone.

The choice of Leo as his papal name is intriguing. I presume it looks back to Pope Leo XIII at the end of the nineteenth century who led the Catholic Church's engagement with the modern world. It may also look back to Pope Leo I known as the Great. He was Pope in the chaotic fifth century as the Western Empire decayed and new barbarisms threatened.



In our own chaotic time as new barbarisms appear, the Church cannot retreat into a self-protective world. Pope Leo XIV looks to be the Spirit's surprising choice to lead a new engagement and to bring fresh hope not just to the Church but to the world. Echoing the Psalmist, we pray:  
"May the Lord preserve him and give him life and make him blessed upon the earth".

✠ Mark Coleridge  
9 May 2025

## *Parish Diary*

**Monday 19 May**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

**Tuesday 20 May**

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Rosary (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

**Wednesday 21 May**

Liturgy (OLR School) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

**Thursday 22 May**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

**Friday 23 May**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

**Saturday 24 May**

**NO Morning Mass (OLR)**

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation  
and Adoration

**Vigil Masses**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame College) 5pm

**Sunday 25 May**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

## **Ladies Coffee and Cake**



Ladies, you are invited  
for Coffee and Cake at  
Beerwah.

Come together to mix  
and mingle, share ideas,  
and general good company.

**Date:** Thursday 22nd May 2025

**Time:** 9.30am for start 10.00am

**Place:** Reposium Café and Wellness  
Centre. 12/21 Peachester Road  
Beerwah.

**RSVP:** 20th May 2025 – Margaret  
Monaghan text 0408 743 304.



As a Parish family we would like to congratulate  
**Louis Stowasser & Kelly Winterbottom**  
who were married at Montville last weekend.

Our aim is to move these gatherings  
throughout the parish so all have an  
opportunity to attend.



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