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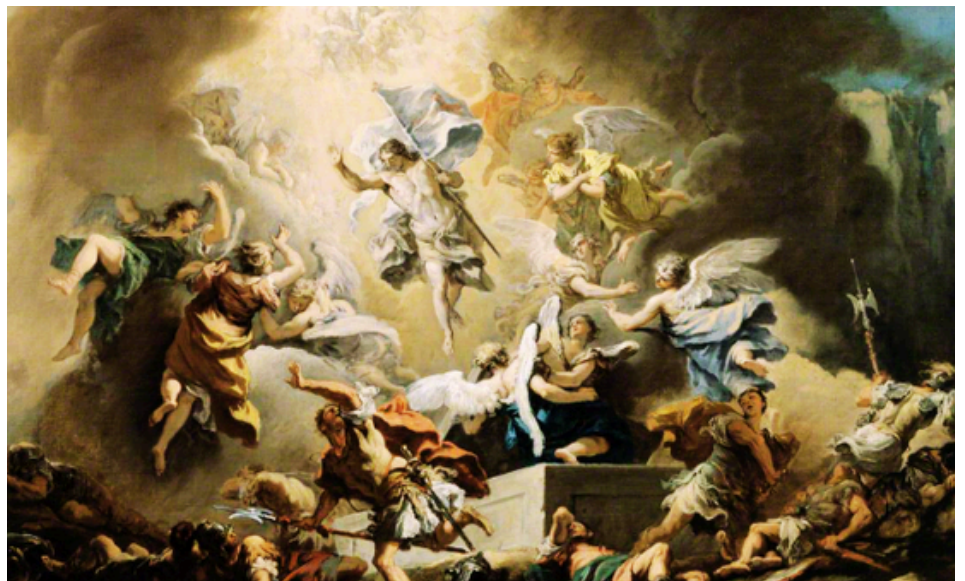
Easter Sunday - 4/5th April Year A

Easter: More Than a Moment – A Life to Be Lived

There is something unmistakably beautiful about Easter. No matter how often we come, Easter has a way of drawing us in. Perhaps it's the light after darkness, the music, the sense of hope in the air, or simply the quiet intuition that something important—something true—is being celebrated. And it is.

At the heart of Easter is not just a message, but a mystery: that Jesus Christ, who was crucified and died, is alive. **Not alive in memory, not alive in metaphor, but truly, personally, alive. Death does not have the final word; love does,** and that changes everything. It means that whatever in our lives feels buried—grief, guilt, fear, or disappointment—need not remain in the grave. Easter proclaims that Jesus is not distant from those places, but rather enters them, transforms them, and brings life where we had quietly resigned ourselves to loss.

But here is where the mystery of Easter becomes even more profound. Easter is not simply something that happened. It is something that is happening. As Archbishop Mark used to say before he retired, “If Easter isn’t always and everywhere, it’s never and nowhere.” In other words, if the Resurrection is only something we celebrate once a year, we’ve missed its power because **the risen Christ is not confined to a moment in history—He is present now,** in the midst of our lives. He is present in our ordinary days; He is present in our questions and struggles; He is present in our hopes, our relationships, and our searching; and He is not passive.



Through the gift of His Holy Spirit, Jesus continues to act—speaking, guiding, healing, and renewing. **The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is not locked in the past but offered to us now—**not abstractly, but personally. **This is the heart of my vision for every person who comes into our parish.**

My vision is like a painting that depicts something of our destination: a parish where every person—young and old, lifelong Catholic or simply curious—has **the opportunity to encounter the living Jesus.** Not just to know about Him, but to know Him personally; to experience the quiet, gentle, but real transformation that comes through His presence in our lives. Because Christianity, at its core, is not about obligation or routine, but about freedom and relationship with Jesus—a relationship that, like any other, grows through time, attention, and openness.



Easter tells us that the story is not over and that new beginnings are possible. It tells us that hope is not naïve—but grounded in something real. It tells us that Jesus is not a figure of the past, but a presence in the present. And perhaps most importantly, it tells us that **we are invited to a celebration and to a fullness of life** marked by joy, by purpose, by a growing awareness that God is nearer than we often imagine.

For some, that next step might be as simple as coming back again next Sunday. For others, it might be finding a few minutes in the day to speak honestly to God, or exploring one of the many ways our parish seeks to support faith and community (scan the “Welcome Page” QR code at the bottom of page 3 in this newsletter).

Wherever you are in your faith journey, whatever your story, **there is a place here for you—**not because we have everything figured out, but because together, **we are learning what it means to live in the light of the Resurrection.**

This Easter, as we celebrate with joy the Resurrection of the Lord, may we also remain open to its deeper meaning: that Christ is alive, that He is not finished with us yet. May your Easter be blessed with love, joy, and peace.

Fr Josh



Sacrament of Confirmation - Term 2

While Baptism is the gateway into the Catholic faith, **the Sacrament of Confirmation affirms your or your child's commitment** to the faith and renews the baptismal promises before First Holy Communion.

It is typical for baptised children to be confirmed at about seven or eight years old, which the Church considers the age of reason. In this way, the sacrament is often likened to a rite of passage.

All baptised children in Grade 3 and above are invited to prepare for and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Term 2. The program will begin with a **Parent Information Night on Tuesday 21st April**, running from **5:00–6:00pm at OLR Church**, and continues every **Tuesday from the 5th May to 2nd June**, over five weeks, with the Confirmation ceremony taking place on **Friday 5th June**.

Attendance at all sessions is required in order to receive the sacrament.

To register, **please scan the QR code** found at the bottom of page 3 in this newsletter, where you will be required to sign up to flocknote and complete the registration forms.



Encounter Kids Fun Day

The Encounter Kids Fun Day is nearly here! It's happening on **Friday 17th April** and is open to all primary school children from Prep up to Grade 6.

It's set to be a really fun and faith-filled day, with games, activities, music, prayer, and some engaging talks—all aimed at helping kids grow in their understanding of the Catholic faith in a way that's enjoyable and easy to connect with.



The day will be led by a great team of enthusiastic leaders and will include interactive sessions, small group time, and opportunities for prayer.

This is a chance for children to not only learn more about their faith, but also to build friendships and feel part of the wider parish community.

This year's theme is **"Mission: New Life,"** focusing on the joy and hope of the Resurrection and what that means in our lives.

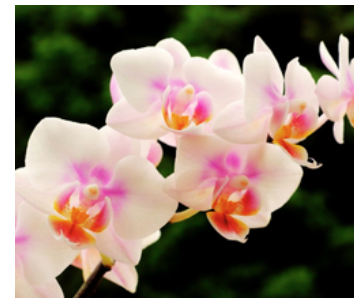
To register, just **scan the QR code for our Parish Linktree** (found at the bottom of page 3), which will take you to our Kingdom Kids page where you can sign up.

Seniors Group Outing - April

Come along and discover the beauty of orchids at the annual **"Orchids in April"** show in Caloundra! There'll be some incredible displays from growers across the region, showcasing a wide variety of orchids and foliage plants. **Fred and Marg - fellow parishioners** and experienced growers will be there to guide us through the displays and to share their knowledge and expertise, including a look at some of the prize-winning plants.

There'll also be orchids and foliage available for purchase on the day if you're looking to take one home.

To join us, **register via our Linktree** (scan the QR code on page 3 of this newsletter) or contact the parish office to secure your place.



Caloundra Uniting Church Hall | April 17th | 10am | \$5 which includes morning tea

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be held on **Friday 10th April at 12pm** at Pelican Waters Bowls Club, 49 Nelson Street, Golden Beach.

All women of the parish are warmly invited to come along. It's a lovely opportunity to catch up with friends, meet new faces, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon together in a welcoming setting. Whether you're new to the parish or have been part of the community for years, we would love to have you join us.

If you'd like to come along, please let Deborah know by **Monday 6th April on 0410 531 901**

Mens Rosary Group



The monthly prayer meeting will take place at Stella Maris Church, Maroochydore on **Wednesday 8th April at 6:30pm**.

All men of the parish are invited to join for an evening of **prayer and reflection** as we unite in faith through the Rosary. It's a meaningful opportunity to grow spiritually, spend time in quiet devotion together, and strengthen our fellowship as a community of faith.

Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on **April 12th at Nambour Parish** with an afternoon of prayer and devotion.

Adoration will take place from 1:45pm to 2:45pm, including the Rosary and Benediction, followed by the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 2:45pm**. There will also be a blessing of religious items, along with the veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

Project Compassion

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On the Journey ...

We pray for **Samson, Sullivan & Aurelia Saha** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough

Funerals

John Camiolo, Friday 10th April, 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
Doris Adhearn, Tuesday 14th April, 11:30am at Gregson & Weight, Caloundra

We also pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners.
May they Rest in Peace

Parish Information

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Parish Diary

Monday 6th April
Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9:30am

Tuesday 7th April
Adoration, Rosary
(Maleny) 8:30am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9:30am

Wednesday 8th April
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 9th April
Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Adoration for Vocations
(Lands) 10am

Friday 10th April
Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 11th April
Adoration & Reconciliation
(OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Unity College
Chapel) 5pm

Sunday 12th April
Mass (OLR) 7.30am
Mass (Maleny) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am
Mass (Unity College
Chapel) 5pm



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