

Caloundra Catholic Parish

**CALOUNDRA CATHOLIC PARISH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
28TH FEBRUARY 2021**

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Second Reading: Rom 8:31-34 Gospel: Mk 9:2-10

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Transfiguration

Our readings this weekend mention two mountains on which people had an extraordinary experience of God: the mountain Abraham climbed with his son Isaac, and the mountain that Peter, James and John climbed with Jesus.

For some reason mountains have always had a strong connection with our imagination and the experience of accomplishment, encounter, fulfillment and happiness. If we use the imagery of our Scripture passage for today, we call it a "mountain experience". It is an experience of fulfillment, like celebrating a birthday or passing an exam. It is that experience that words can't quite capture, that euphoric feeling you have graduating from school or university, your first pay packet or your honeymoon after the wedding. Whatever the experience that comes to mind for you there is an understandably human urge to want that moment of sheer bliss to last forever. For a moment it reinforces everything that is good and worthwhile in life!

If you know what I am talking about then perhaps you are getting close to the kind of experience the three disciples had on the mountain. It was their "mountain top experience".

They were so overwhelmed by their happy experience that none of them wanted to end it. Peter famously said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Who in their right mind would want to go back to their ordinary life? You can almost imagine the 3 disciples saying, "Let's stay here. Let us just be happy. I do not want to have problems anymore. I do not want to go back down the mountain and confront all my problems."

But a voice said to them, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" God wanted the disciples to be realistic. As Jesus led them up a high mountain to experience happiness, Jesus would also lead them down to face the ordinariness and messiness of life. They do so, however, this time with a new perspective. Life is not simply a search for happiness but a journey with God.

We live with the majestic Glasshouse Mountains as our backdrop. We all need mountains in our lives. Life can be flat, routine sometimes even dull. Now and then, we need high mountains, not just little hills, mountains that take us to great heights and give us an experience of God that stays with us long after we've come down from the mountain.

Sometimes I wonder if we are inclined to settle for small hills now and then, because it takes too long and it's too much work to climb a mountain. Perhaps this Lent we might have the imagination to move beyond our normal routine, climb the mountain, to open ourselves to the possibility of experiencing God and, in the process, allowing God's grace and that experience to make sense of our lives, our relationships and the highs and lows of living authentically these remaining weeks of Lent.

Wishing you every blessing as we, together, begin to live the second week of Lent,

Fr Peter Brannelly



Lenten Taizé - A Special Invitation

Come and relax in this beautiful prayer at **OLR & Maleny** this Tuesday 2 March at 7pm.

Our parish is offering this Tuesday a special evening of quiet prayer in the style of Taizé. Short mantra-like songs can refresh us in body, mind and spirit. Through gentle repetition, the meaning of the words gradually penetrates our whole being. In song and silence, we can listen more deeply. These simple chants allow the light of Christ to shine on our lives as we journey together towards Easter. *Sign in will be provided at the door.*



Baptismal Preparation

The monthly Baptismal Preparation session is on this Thursday, March 4th at Our Lady of the Rosary church beginning at 7pm. At this meeting we not only look at the implications of being baptised and the significance of the symbols during the celebration of the sacrament but it is also our chance to answer any question or concerns. Further details about the meeting are available by emailing the Parish Office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

The first scheduled meeting for 2021 of the Parish Finance Committee is on this Wednesday, March 3rd beginning at 4pm. Members of the Evangelization and Pastoral Council members are also reminded of your meeting due to begin at 5pm this Wednesday. Both meetings will be held in the Parish Centre.

A VOCATION VIEW

If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham – called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith!

Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.



WALL OF PRAYER

At the entrance to Our Lady of the Rosary church you will discover some of the smiling faces of those in our Parish Family energetically preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

They will celebrate their First Reconciliation on the evening of the 10th March, and their First Communion over the weekend of 20/21st March.



As a Parish Family
we extend our
prayerful
congratulations to
**Theo Thomasson
& Thomas McMeniman**

Who were baptised this weekend at
Our Lady of the Rosary church, Caloundra.

Last Sunday at the 5pm Unity Family Mass, five teenagers committed their lives to Jesus and were initiated into the Catholic Church.

We're particularly grateful to Bishop Brian Heenan and Shania Allen who was on last years' NET Team, and who stayed in Caloundra over the summer to help our teens journey to their Initiation.

Please keep Elijah, Keira, Hayley, Verity and Latrisse in your prayers.



The Prayer for Priests prayer group meets for prayer and Eucharistic Adoration after Mass on Monday following the 9am morning Mass—all welcome.



OPEN DAY

Friday
19 March 2021
Ph 5491 4522
to book your tour



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a love of
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Parish Diary

Monday 1 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 2 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Stations of the Cross (Maleny) 9.30am

Wednesday 3 March

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Thursday 4 March

Mass (Unity) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Curimundi) 9.30am

Friday 5 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Stations of the Cross (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 6 March

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 7 March

3rd Sunday in Lent

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 7am

Mass (Unity) 8am

Mass (Kawana) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Curimundi) 9.15am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Family Mass (Unity) 5pm

WATCH MASS LIVE

To watch live-stream Mass go to the Caloundra Catholic Parish Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/caloundracatholicparish/>

Are you are having trouble to book a Mass on Eventbrite?



Feel free to call

John & Vivienne Cooper
on 0400 291 979 and they will assist you with your bookings.

A mature women is seeking temporary accommodation while she transitions to her own housing – if you think you can assist please contact Fr Peter at the Parish Office 5430 9390.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 1 March:

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday.
- ◆ The OLR craft group meet every Monday 9am-12noon in the Parish Centre. For more information please contact Helen McGlynn on 0409 050 722.
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group gathers to praise God and to give thanks for all God's blessings, every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7-8.30pm in the AED room. The next meeting is the 1st March. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714

Tuesday 2 March:

- ◆ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies Group meeting 9.30am after Mass, starting with morning tea. Please bring your own cup and morning tea.
- ◆ St Vincent De Paul Meeting in the Ron Hickey Centre, Landsborough at 9am. All welcome.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the AED room. The Daily visitations of those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390.
- ◆ Alpha is in the OLR staff room at 6pm.
- ◆ Lenten Taizé at OLR Church 7pm sign in at the door.
- ◆ Lenten Taizé at Maleny Church 7pm sign in at the door.

Wednesday 3 March:

- ◆ No Art class with Jude this week. Class will be back 10th March in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Men's Lenten group in the AED room 10.30am-12noon.
- ◆ 4pm Parish Finance meeting in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ 5pm Pastoral Council meeting in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ 5-6pm First Communion/reconciliation class in the OLR Church.
- ◆ RCIA group in the Parish Centre 6-8pm 24th Feb, 10th March & 26th March.
- ◆ Maleny cards 6pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Thursday 4 March:

- ◆ Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St. Vincent De Paul Society meet at Aroona Park, Miranda Street, Aroona at 9.30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402.
- ◆ Kawana Men's group today 4th March and the 11th March 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.
- ◆ Baptism prep in the OLR church 7-8pm

Friday 5 March:

- ◆ Stations of the Cross after 9.00am OLR Mass during Lent.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till 10am. Confession available while adoration is on. Prayers for Priests in the Ron Hickey Centre with morning tea following Mass.
- ◆ Spirituality Group in the Parish Centre 9.45am-12noon every 2nd Friday of the month the next one will be the 12 March.
- ◆ Kawana World Day of Prayer from 9.30am at the Kawana Uniting Church.
- ◆ Caloundra World Day of Prayer from 9.30am at the Anglican Church.
- ◆ World Day of Prayer, at the Maleny Anglican Church at 9.30am. Please advise Moya or Cheryl today, Sunday, if you wish to attend as we need to provide numbers.
- ◆ World Day of Prayer in the Baptist Church, Roberts Road, Beerwah at 9.30am. Covid protocols will be in place. Call Lyn Miller 0458264699.

Saturday 6 March:

- ◆ OLR 5pm Wine & Cheese after Mass tonight: COVID rules will apply, come along and enjoy the company.

Sunday 7 March: 3rd Sunday of Lent

- ◆ Unity 8am will have a cuppa after Mass today, COVID rules will apply. All welcome to stay.

LAST WEEK IN PICTURES

We're grateful to all the people who helped with hospitality last Sunday to welcome our 2021 NET Team at OLR.

We're particularly grateful to Unity College for sponsoring the food, and to the staff and student leaders from Unity and OLR Primary who helped cook and serve the food and drinks.



Lin Johnstone and Unity College student leaders served bacon and egg sangas on Sunday to welcome the NET Team.

Two of our young parishioners poured 10 litres of slushies for the children.



(L-R) Dan McShea, Unity College Principal, Fr Richard Leonard and Don Rolls.



Our young families enjoyed the slushies, Unity-sponsored bacon and egg sangas, coffee and hot chocolate on Sunday at OLR.



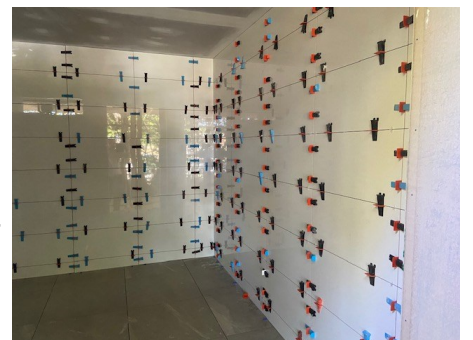
Michael Stewart, OLR Primary Principal, and parishioners enjoying a seat in the shade.



We are progressing well in reclaiming the unused and derelict room under the Caloundra presbytery. The walls have been removed from the former Priest's offices to create a much-needed second meeting room and the former Parish Office is in the process of being transformed into a servery.

Most important is the inclusion of a disabled toilet. At the moment we have no facility available other than the school or Outside School Hours Care toilets – and to use them is inappropriate.

Hoping on a bit of external funding we plan to have everything completed by Easter.



HAPPY 50TH JOSHUA (Opps 40th!)