

Caloundra Catholic Parish

**CALOUNDRA CATHOLIC PARISH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
7TH MARCH 2021**

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Ex 20:1-17 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:22-25 Gospel: Jn 2:13-25

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Lent is a special time of searching the contents of our hearts and souls, a time of self-examination, repentance, fasting and self-denial. As we enter into our third week of lent, the Gospel of John challenges us to dig deeper and further.

Today's passage brings us face to face with a Jesus that's sometimes hard to imagine. This is a Jesus who's angry. He's fed up! We would often like to think of him as calm, wise, gentle and loving. But in today's gospel, Jesus unleashes his anger on the moneylenders and animal vendors in the Temple. His anger is not just confined to verbal confrontation but is expressed in a physical and even violent manner, overturning the tables, vandalising the tools of trade and collections of these merchants, and even physically with a whip.

To describe this behaviour as disturbing is an understatement. Many of us people would think it is scandalous. But what's the point here? What do we make of this? Why was Jesus so angry? And how does this passage speak to us today?

So many questions that we might want to ask when encountering this gospel story. The Gospel of John doesn't really make it clear as to why Jesus was so upset. The other synoptic gospels suggest that the merchants were taking advantage of the pilgrims, but John does not include this information in his story.

Perhaps John's intention is not so much on the reason why Jesus is so angry, but rather his interest is to draw us to a much radical message through these actions and words of Jesus: ***that Jesus is replacing the physical Temple building with the Temple of his Body.***

Amazingly, this is a remarkable reversal in the theology of sacrifice which is foreshadowed in this story, Jesus says to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

For the ancient Jews, the Temple was the place where God was present and worshipped and where Jews came and offered sacrifices to God to atone their sins. The irony in this story is, when Jesus is talking to the temple priests, God is fully present in the person standing in front of them. Jesus says, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." He is referring to his pending death and resurrection. His death, remember, is for the atonement of our sins, and here is the reversal.

It is no longer we who sacrifice animals to God for the atonement of our sins. It is rather God who now sacrifices Himself for us and the sake of our salvation. Indeed, Jesus gives us his very body and blood in the Eucharist to nourish us, sustain us, and save us.

All that is asked from our part is to offer ourselves to Him in return, to offer a conversion of heart, and to demonstrate this conversion in the way we love God and neighbour. This is far more pleasing to God than burnt offerings.

Lent is an opportunity for each of us to grow spiritually, to grow closer to Jesus in every facet of our life. We are therefore invited to take a moment and reflect on what needs to be purified in the temple of our souls so to prepare our hearts for Easter joy.

Have a blessed weekend, *Fr Dang*.

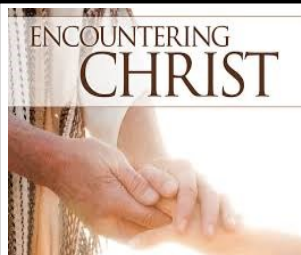


Your continued generous support is appreciated and not taken for granted – a grateful Parish says *thank you*.

Weekly Update NET Team

Our first week of ministry went by in a flash. The excitement and anticipation we experienced on our first day was met by the warm welcome of Father Josh and the parish community, who seemed just as excited to see us. At first it was a difficult task trying to remember all the names and faces at the college and in the parish, but after a few conversations and stories shared we began to settle in and really feel at home in the parish community. At every turn we have found a friendly face who is more than happy to help, which is handy considering how often we find ourselves lost around school. It is so fulfilling to finally be here and become a part of the parish. This first week has made us realise the good that God wants to do through us this year. We ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue our work. If you see us around, please introduce yourself; we would love to get to know you! We will be praying for you all, God bless.

The 2021 NET team



Friends, our first parish **Encounter night** of the year is coming up on Thursday 18th March, 5.30pm at OLR church. Last year's first ever *Encounter* night saw 70 parishioners from across the parish participate in an evening of hospitality, learning, prayer ministry, worship and reconciliation.

The aim of *Encounter* is to create an environment – both externally in the church and internally in people – that is conducive to a personal encounter with the Person of Jesus. For many people, this happens when they receive prayer; when two trained people ask what you'd like them to pray for and they do so out loud with a hand on your shoulder. It's powerful stuff!

If you would like to attend the 18th March *Encounter* night at OLR, register through the Mass Booking page on our Parish Website. Following this event, we will take *Encounter* on the road to a different parish community. Register today.

The Evangelisation & Pastoral Council held it's scheduled meeting last Wednesday at the Caloundra Parish Centre. The main items discussed included:

- A report was made on the progress of the **three pronged pastoral strategy** employed by the parish as we slowly emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic. (1) Being deliberate in our communication, especially with young families, (2) reimagining the use of technology and being strategic with data and (3) making hospitality a focus this year will help reconnect and re-engage parish with parishioners. Eight weeks into the new year we are still at the early stages of the implementation of our pastoral strategy but the new web page, the launch of the revamped children's church on Sunday 14th March, the resourcing of the 5pm Family Mass at Unity, and the community possibilities when the new gathering area is completed at Caloundra are all early signs of positive progress. A better assessment of the pastoral strategy will be possible at the next meeting of the Council.
- The new Catholic school proposed for **Aura** has been delayed by one year and is now due to open in 2024. While Brisbane Catholic Education is still well advanced with its planning, our Parish also needs to be engaged with the development and make a deliberate investment so as to have a presence in one of the fastest growing population areas in Australia. As a Parish we are exploring several options including the purchase of land that will ensure into the future a church and pastoral presence. This will require a long-term financial commitment from our Parish. Over the next ten years the population of our Parish and the Sunshine Coast as a whole will increase dramatically. The implications of this population increase will put pressure on our pastoral resources and will change the physical face of our Parish Family.
- The challenging financial position of our community was discussed and the realisation that any commitment to the fast growing population areas of our Parish would have a serious impact upon the resources of our community. It was acknowledged that through the generosity and commitment of members of the parish we have come through the Covid pandemic with a sense of optimism and the Council was fully appreciative of the sacrifices and generosity of each and every member of our Parish Family.
- The five new members of this year's **NET Team** have now moved in to the former Caloundra Convent and have begun their ministry. Last year's NET Team were directly affected by the lockdown caused by the pandemic which restricted most of their ministry to Unity College. With more flexibility in 2021, this year's NET Team has ambitious plans not only for Unity College and OLR primary school but also within the wider community through the development of junior and senior youth groups, supporting the young family Mass at Unity, and the music ministry and children's church at OLR among other activities.
- A positive response was received from parishioners about this year's **Lenten Mini Mission** which was led by Fr Richard Leonard, sj. Many parishioners accessed the sessions via live streaming. Ensuring that both the coastal and hinterland communities could be part of the Mini Mission was appreciated. Planning is now underway to ensure a retreat master for next year's Lenten Mini Mission.
- Members of the Evangelisation & Pastoral Council received a copy of the **Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)** from the Archdiocese of Brisbane. The comprehensive document traces the history of the process, states the support of the Archbishop and the Archdiocesan Agency Executive Directors and maps out a vision and timetable for the RAP's implantation. Members of the Council agreed to take the RAP material and reflect upon it in preparation for the next Council meeting while at the same time endorsed the proposal to provide education leading up to NAIDOC week when, as a united Parish Family, we will celebrate the next practical step in our community's implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan. It is hoped to have copies available at all communities of the Archdiocesan RAP as soon as possible.

The next scheduled meeting of the Evangelisation & Pastoral Council is on Wednesday, 2nd June at 5pm.

Parish Diary

Monday 8 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 9 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Stations of the Cross (Maleny) 9.30am

Wednesday 10 March

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Thursday 11 March

Mass (Unity) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Curimundi) 9.30am

Friday 12 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Stations of the Cross (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 13 March

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 14 March

4th 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 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 VOCATION VIEW

Jesus speaks as one having authority. As we follow God's call we remember the same authority passed down to the Church that she might guide us closer to Christ and help us discern our vocation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 7 March:

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

Monday 8 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 15th March. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714.

Tuesday 9 March:

- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass.
- ◆ St Vincent de Paul Meeting in the Ron Hickey Centre, Landsborough every 2nd Tuesday at 9am. The next meeting is the 16th March. 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.

Wednesday 10 March:

- ◆ Art class with Jude this week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Men's Lenten group in the AED room 10.30am-12noon.
- ◆ 5-6.30pm the Sacramental Children are making their Reconciliation in the OLR Church.
- ◆ RCIA group in the Parish Centre 6-8pm, 10th March & 26th March.
- ◆ Maleny cards 6pm in the Pat Daley Centre.
- ◆ Caloundra Catholic Community Social Justice Network (CCCSJN) meets in the Pastoral Care Boardroom 10am-11.30am. Visitors and enquiries welcome but it is essential to contact Bob before the meeting to receive papers. bngcullen@optusnet.com.au Social Justice meets every 3rd Wednesday, the next meeting is the 17th March.

Thursday 11 March:

- ◆ Maleny Liturgy Group meeting for Holy Week preparations, 4pm in the Pat Daley Centre.
- ◆ Members of the Caloundra Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meet every 2nd Thursday at Aroona Park, Miranda Street, Aroona at 9.30am. The next meeting is the 18th March. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402.

Friday 12 March:

- ◆ Stations of the Cross after 9.00am OLR Mass during Lent.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on. Prayers for Priests in the Ron Hickey Centre with morning tea following Mass.
- ◆ Maleny SVDP meeting 9.00am in the church flat.
- ◆ Spirituality Group meets in the OLR Parish Centre 9.45am-12noon every 2nd Friday of the month.

Sunday 14 March: 4th Sunday of Lent

- ◆ The start of Children's liturgy will commence today at the OLR 9.30am Mass.

The monthly edition of *The Catholic Leader* is available from this weekend. Limited copies are available at each community and the cost is only \$4 each.

As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful congratulations to **Vivian Hamilton & Zara Benvenuto**

who were baptised this weekend at OLV, Landsborough & OLR, Caloundra.

We also pray for **Fr Peter Gillam**, Priest of the Archdiocese and former Parish Priest of Hendra and Redcliffe, who for many years was Chaplain to the racing industry - and who had an uncanny habit of picking a winner for the Melbourne Cup. May his soul and all our deceased Priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace**.

LAST WEEK IN PICTURES



Taizé Night

Last Tuesday evening, parishioners at OLR, Caloundra and Sacred Heart Maleny, gathered for an evening of Taizé chant.

Taizé is an ecumenical community in France whose influence has spread throughout the world, especially through its meditative style of music.

The singing of distinctive and much-repeated prayer chants during candlelit prayer services is one of its trademarks. Taizé music highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer. Thank you to

Erica Marshal and Fran Tickle and others who gave their time to organise a wonderful evening.

Young Adults Bunnings BBQ

Last weekend, twenty of our older teens and young adults volunteered their time at a Caloundra Bunnings BBQ, raising money to attend the annual Ignite Conference in the September school holidays. Ignite Conference is a four day mountain-top experience down at Rothwell where young people sing, dance, listen and learn about their Catholic faith. These twenty young members of our parish did a wonderful job in raising \$1237 which will go toward reducing the \$280 individual registration cost of the four-day conference. If you would like to support our parish teens and young adults with a financial contribution, please label an envelope with "Ignite Conference" and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you in advance on their behalf!



Skilling Queenslanders for Work is offering this great initiative to those out of work, looking to change jobs, willing to return to work or compassionate community members who want to support the most vulnerable in our community.

Caloundra Community Centre is seeking participants for Cert III - Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community). The two full days a week, 16 week training program is FREE for eligible candidates with placement included. The training is provided by AUSTCARE in two locations; Beerwah starting in March and Caloundra South starting in April. Check if you are eligible contacting Stella Ph 0400 193 040 E: stella@calcomm.org.au



Fr Joshua would like to thank everyone for his 40th birthday well-wishes last weekend. A special thanks to Donna and our Year Prep OLR students for a wonderful brownie birthday cake!



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