

Caloundra Catholic Parish

**CALOUNDRA CATHOLIC PARISH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
14TH MARCH 2021**

Proper of the Mass First Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10 Gospel: Jn 3:14-21

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God is Deeply Present in our Lives

Today's first reading is from the final chapter of the Second Book of Chronicles. The *Chronicler*, as the writer is known, *appears* to provide a factual written account of historical events in the life of Israel in the order of their occurrence. Rather than providing an *accurate* account of the history of Israel, however, the Chronicler's intention was to use Israel's past to communicate religious messages to his readers. There are four main messages that the Chronicler offers us: first, God is active in history; second, temple worship was God's instigation; third, God calls Israel to a special relationship; and fourth, God remains active in the life of Israel. These four themes find a particular application in our lives as Christians since the history of Israel (the Old Testament), is a reflection of our own developing relationships with God.

This Sunday marks the half-way point of our Lenten journey and is traditionally called *Laetare Sunday*. Laetare is the Latin word for *rejoice* and if you're lucky, you might see Fr Dang or I wearing rose-coloured vestments at Mass. (As an aside, last Advent, someone came up to me on *Gaudete Sunday* and suggested that instead of being *pink*, my rose-coloured chasuble was *aggressive salmon*!) No matter your interpretation of the colour, rose represents joy – the joy of the coming Easter festivities. Rose also represents the joy we encounter when we realise and embrace the fact that the four messages of the Chronicler above find their completion and fulfilment in Jesus. Jesus is the new Temple who invites us into a personal relationship with himself.

This week on Thursday evening, we have a concrete opportunity to *encounter* the person of Jesus. You may remember in October last year we ran our very first parish Encounter Night at OLR. It was an evening centred on hospitality, learning, singing, reconciliation and most importantly, Encountering the Person of Jesus in a Prayer Team – a two-person team who ask you what you'd like prayer for, and who will pray out loud for your request with a hand on your shoulder. It's been my personal experience – both as someone receiving prayer and someone doing the praying – that this is where many people have this *thing* we call *Encounter*: a sense or feeling that God is close to me and desires me, that I am loved, and that I am not alone.

Encountering the person of Jesus is something that's available to all Christians. It's something I've encountered on numerous occasions. Sometimes, it's simply a matter of developing eyes to see and ears to hear that allows a person to encounter Christ in prayer. If you have a desire for this type of experience, and especially if you're sceptical, I want to personally invite you to register for our Encounter Night at OLR church, 5.30 – 7.30pm on Thursday 18th March.

If you are a Hinterland parishioner in particular, I would love to see you there. We would like to take Encounter on the road at least two more times this year but our ability to do so depends upon having parishioners who've already experienced Encounter. Please register through the Mass Booking page on our parish [website](#). The OLR Encounter Team and I look forward to welcoming you.

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

Due to First Holy Communion at OLR & Unity Chapel on the 20/21st March (next weekend), Masses will be fully booked. Mass at 5pm OLR Saturday night is fully booked already. Please consider coming to an additional OLR Mass at 8am on Sunday 21st March.

Please respect our legal Covid obligations and only come to a Mass if you have a booking. Or you may be turned away.

Tapping into the Power of Prayer

Intercession/Prayer Ministry is a new ministry in Hinterland and Coastal Parish and is formed by individuals or a groups of parishioners who are committed to praying for your needs, the needs of our parish, community and the world.

The bible tells us not only to pray for ourselves but also for each other. God tells us to pray for one another as the saints have prayed and are praying for us. As John writes in his first letter: "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him" 1 John 5:14-15.

There are two ways you can participate in this new ministry: by submitting your personal prayer requests via our new website, and/or by signing up to pray for the intentions again via the website. You will receive a weekly email with people's prayer intentions. Both options can be found on the home page of our website.

Very soon, you will also be able to submit your prayer requests into prayer petition boxes which will be available in every parish community by the end of March.

The vision for this Intercessor Ministry is that prayer may be the backbone of any and all missionary activity in our parish as we forge ahead in our commission to become missionary disciples (Mt 28:19). If you feel you are called to the intercession ministry, please register here. <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/prayer-request/>

Please note, if your request is for a Mass offering, contact the parish office directly via phone or email to arrange for an envelope with your offering to be passed on to one of our priests



Weekly Update NET Team

This week has been a big milestone for our team. Last weekend we held our first Youth Groups of the year for both Lighthouse (years 6-8) and Illuminate (years 9-12). We had a great time getting to meet the students that came along and especially loved the crazy Olympics that our junior students competed in! With our senior group we had some friendly competition and got to know each other a little better over the evening, sharing pizza and stories with each other. We also got the opportunity to meet with and host the young adults in our parish over dinner on the Saturday night. At Unity this week we have been learning more about our church building with the years 7's, sweating it out at sport on Wednesday afternoon, and embracing our acting skills with dramas and skits in the year 12 Christian ministry class. As a team we are so glad to be underway with these events and look forward to our journey with these groups over the year.
The 2021 NET team

Last Wednesday, after many weeks of preparation, younger members of our Parish Family celebrated their First Reconciliation at Our Lady of the Rosary. Their attention now turns to the celebration of their First Holy Communion next weekend – we keep them and their families in our prayers. Just a reminder that because of the Covid restrictions with numbers of people allowed in our churches, we have an **additional Mass at OLR next Sunday at 8am** and

parishioners are invited to register via the Parish Web Page to secure a place.



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In preparation for our new disability toilet at OLR we need to provide code accessible access to the facility as well as a safe gathering area surface. The concrete pavers that have served us so well over the years need to be replaced. If you are doing some work around your house and are in need of pavers – today is your lucky day! For more information please contact Fr Peter: brannellyp@bne.catholic.net.au



A VOCATION VIEW

When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction – heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.



Are you having trouble booking a Mass on Eventbrite?
Feel free to call **John & Vivienne Cooper** on **0400 291 979**

and they will assist you with your bookings.

Holy Week & Easter Mass times are now on Eventbrite for bookings.

In Transition

We welcome **Hugo Willis & Tristan Cardell** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary. We remember **Sharyn Bromley** who died last week and whose funeral rites will be held on Wednesday at OLR Church. May the souls of all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, **Rest in Peace.**

Parish Diary

Monday 15 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 16 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Stations of the Cross (Maleny) 9.30am

Wednesday 17 March

St Patrick

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Thursday 18 March

Mass (Unity) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 19 March

St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass (OLR) 9am

Stations of the Cross (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 20 March

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 21 March

5th Sunday in Lent

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 7am

(OLR) additional Mass 8am

Mass (Unity) 8am

Mass (Kawana) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 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/>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 14 March:

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

Monday 15 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. Tonight 7-8.30pm in the AED room. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714.

Tuesday 16 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 at 9am. All welcome.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the AED room. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.
- ◆ Alpha is in the OLR staff room at 6pm.

Wednesday 17 March:

- ◆ Art class with Jude this week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Men's Lenten group in the Dobson Room 10.30am-12noon.
- ◆ 5-6.30pm the Sacramental Children will meet for First Communion recap and practise in the OLR Church.
- ◆ Caloundra Catholic Community Social Justice Network (CCCSJN) 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

Thursday 18 March:

- ◆ Members of the Caloundra Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meet 9:30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402.
- ◆ Encounter night in the OLR Church 5.30pm

Friday 19 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.
- ◆ Lighthouse Youth Group Grade 6-8 in the Parish Centre from 5:15-7:15pm

Saturday 20 March:

- ◆ Alpha Day in Beerwah

Sunday 21 March: 6th Sunday of Lent

- ◆ After 5 pm Mass at Unity we invite families to stay and enjoy some nibbles. MEET, GREET & EAT in UNITY Covid rules will apply. All welcome to stay.
- ◆ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity grade 9-12 - 6-8pm

A mature lady who lives in Beerwah has a house to share... Looking for a single lady. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Joan Stoakes on 0480269453.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees



Making Connections in our Faith Community

Over the last week, all five Year 7 classes at Unity College visited OLR church with the intention of making connections between the College and different faith communities and faith leaders. Year 7.3 (pictured) met and enjoyed a discussion with Fr Joshua on Thursday morning.

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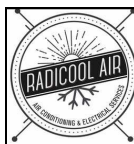
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