

# Caloundra Catholic Parish

**CALOUNDRA CATHOLIC PARISH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
21TH MARCH 2021**

**Proper of the Mass** First Reading: Jer 31:31-34 Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9 Gospel: Jn 12:20-33

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## **"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33**

*Belonging* is a key aspect of our lives – not just as Christians but more generally as human beings. We belong to families, friendship circles, clubs, groups and communities. *Belonging* is important to us because God didn't create us to live alone (Gen 2:18); indeed, human flourishing depends upon being with and learning from one another, being generous with each other, and most importantly, loving others (Jn 13:34).

There's an old adage attributed to St Francis, "It is in giving that we receive." The saying is adapted from the Book of Proverbs (11:24-25), and reads, "*One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.*" In the context of our readings this weekend, we belong to God and to others when we give of ourselves: our love, time, gifts and resources.

Personally, I've never felt this sense of *belonging* more than as a soldier in Afghanistan with the Army. Being foreigners in a war-torn country – and certainly not welcomed by everyone – this sense of belonging to our group of 120 soldiers was magnified. We lived together, prayed together (those of us who were Christian), ate together and defended each other. We did this because our survival depended upon working together to achieve a common outcome – in our case survival.

I wonder if this was how the early Christians felt as they grappled with persecution. While we're lucky to experience religious freedom in Australia, the early Christians weren't so lucky. Their experience of belonging to a faith community was vastly different from what we experience and was highlighted by similar things a soldier might experience: a sense of belonging from necessity born out of life and death situations.

In our Gospel this weekend, John shares the analogy of Jesus' death being necessary for the rich harvest of human flourishing: "Unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies [he says], it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest" (Jn 12:24). While John's community was experiencing difficulty in the form of isolation and expulsion from Jewish synagogues, they'd worked out that their sense of belonging and flourishing as a Christian community depended upon their ability and desire to be like Jesus: giving up their wants, desires and preferences in favour of the greater need of the other. Perhaps this is what we're being asked to consider as a Catholic Community during this season of Lent.

The words of the prophets and Gospels should never leave us comfortable. Always and everywhere, they invite us to consider where God is calling us as a community. Today, that call is one which invites us to pray about what we need to give up in our lives as individuals and as a faith community. Perhaps we're being asked to consider what aspects of our Catholic culture don't serve the mission of going *out* and making disciples (Mt 28:19), such as an emphasis on feeding sheep (those who enter our churches) over catching fish (going out to those who are isolated and don't feel like they belong). Where do you think God is calling us right now?

***Peace and blessings, Fr Josh***

**Next Thursday 25th March, there will be No Masses at OLR, UNTIY & Currimundi as all our Priests will be in Brisbane attending Convocation.**



## HARMONY DAY – Everyone Belongs

This Sunday 21 March, is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. It is the day chosen to celebrate Australian multiculturalism. We welcome and pray together that migrants build successful lives enriching our community, because diversity is our strength. Australia is one of the most multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day/Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity and an inclusive Australia.

## Celebrating Reconciliation in Lent

During the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent, the People of God are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of God's Mercy: Reconciliation. We use the language of *mercy* very deliberately because while a penitent does indeed *confess* their sins to God through an ordained priest, the focus is on receiving God's unconditional Mercy and Reconciliation – a welcome back into the unconditional covenant of love made visible in Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent prepares us for Easter by cleansing us from sin and offering new life.



Preaching in 2015 about God's mercy, Pope Francis said, "First of all, God always forgives us. He never tires of this. It's we who get tired of asking for forgiveness. But HE does not tire of pardoning us." While priests will be available to celebrate Reconciliation during Holy Week in our other Hinterland and Coastal Communities, we will be celebrating the Second Rite of Reconciliation at OLR church on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March starting at 8.30am. The Second Rite consists of a communal penitential service followed by individual confession and absolution. Since our sin affects the relationships we have with others, it's only fitting that we celebrate Reconciliation during Lent as a community.

You are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Mercy with us no matter who you are or where you live. Please sign in at the doors as you arrive to comply with COVID regulations.

**Note: There will be no 9am Mass on Sat 27th March.**



On Thursday evening we had 75 people attend the OLR Encounter evening.

A huge thank you to the following groups for offering their gifts of service:

The Hospitality Team for the delicious food, the Prayer Ministry Team, and the Net team for providing worship music.

A great night of spiritual enrichment and genuine Encounter was had by all who attended. Watch this space for future Encounter events.

## Weekly Update NET Team

We had our second week of youth groups, with a huge turnout of 35 at Lighthouse (juniors) and 17 at Illuminate (seniors). We love that we're beginning to have deeper conversations with students, especially during small group time, and listening to the kids' thoughts and responses to our talks on the themes of 'Encountering Jesus' and 'Identity - Who Am I?'

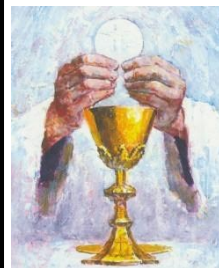
We are also continuing to build relationships with students at Unity during the week - so many of them now recognise us and greet us around school which is so encouraging!

**The 2021 NET team**



## 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.



## Congratulations to all our 58 children

who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend  
At OLR 5pm Saturday,  
Sunday 8am & 9.30am and  
at Unity Sunday 5pm.

## In Transition

We welcome **Julietta & Jim Nicholas, Luca Iztari & Hazel Asanum** who will be baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary.

We remember **Barry Byrne** who died last week and whose funeral rites will be held next week. May the souls of all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners, **Rest in Peace.**

# Parish Diary

## Monday 22 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

## Tuesday 23 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Stations of the Cross (Maleny) 9.30am

## Wednesday 24 March

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

## Thursday 25 March

*Annunciation of the Lord*

NO Mass (Unity)

NO Mass (OLR)

NO Mass (Currimundi)

## Friday 26 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Stations of the Cross (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

## Saturday 27 March

Communal Rite of Reconciliation (OLR)  
8.30am

### Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

## Sunday 28 March

*Palm Sunday*

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 7am

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

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### PLEASE NOTE

**OUR NEW OFFICE NUMBER**  
**07 5430 9390**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **Sunday 21 March:**

- ◆ After 5pm Mass at Unity we invite families to stay and enjoy some nibbles. MEET, GREET & EAT in UNITY Covid rules will apply. All welcome.

### **Monday 22 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.

### **Tuesday 23 March:**

- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross after Mass.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Dobson 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 24 March:**

- ◆ Art class with Jude this week in the Egan room 10-12noon.
- ◆ Men's Lenten group in the Dobson Room 10.30am-12noon.
- ◆ Maleny Cards 6pm in the Pat Daley Centre.
- ◆ The RCIA meeting 6-8pm in the Parish Centre.

### **Thursday 25 March:**

- ◆ NO MASS at OLR, UNITY or CURRIMUNDI today.
- ◆ Kawana Men's group 25th March 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.

### **Friday 26 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 27 March:**

- ◆ Communal Rite of Reconciliation at 8.30am

### **Sunday 28 March: Palm Sunday**

- ◆ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity grade 9-12 - 6-8pm

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

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

Unless a seed first dries out and dies,  
it cannot be planted in the earth to grow.  
Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways,  
we can never expect to be people who will  
'lay down their lives for their friends.'



Cursillo Movement Renewal Day. - For all those who have ever participated in a Cursillo 3 days - you are invited to a renewal/planning meeting to be held in the Wynnum Parish Centre on the 27th March from 10am to 2.30pm. As we look toward the future and how we can best share Cursillo charism with others, your contribution would be most valued. For further information, please contact - Rosemary 0431 464 211 or Peter 0407 588 014.

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