

Caloundra Catholic Parish

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
11TH APRIL 2021**

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Acts 4:32-35 Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-6 Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

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On the second Sunday of Easter, with the Resurrection still firmly in our minds, we always listen to the story of "Doubting Thomas". We know the story well, it was probably one of the first Bible stories we were ever told. Jesus has been crucified and the terrified disciples are barricaded behind locked doors *"for fear of the Jews"*. *The obvious thing we normally concentrate on is Thomas' lack of faith and how much more challenging it is for us who "have not seen and yet still believe"*.

While all of that is true, instead I am intrigued by the fact that we hear that the disciples were in hiding **"for fear of the Jews"**. Since the disciples themselves are Jews, I suppose the statement cannot mean that they are afraid of Jews in general. Certainly they are afraid of the Jewish leaders who were behind the plot to kill Jesus and would no doubt be now after any of his supporters. Their fear would also be magnified because what was certain and clear has suddenly dissipated and now their very future itself is in doubt – what should they do next?

It is not hard to imagine the fear and anxiety that the disciples were going through. Our own first reaction when feeling anxious and threatened is to bunker down and lock the doors, to become focused on our own security and safety. The disciples were doing no more than what we would probably do.

Maybe, **and this is a big maybe**, the disciples were also afraid of Jesus! After all, by this stage rumours of Christ's resurrection had probably reached their ears. That just compounded the fact that they had failed him miserably. Judas had sold him out for 30 pieces of silver. Peter had denied him three times. The rest had deserted him as the reality and the consequences of the crucifixion became apparent. Perhaps the last person the disciples wanted to meet on that first day of the week was Jesus, risen from the dead and ready to confront them with their failures!

But you just can't hide from the Risen Jesus - he will not be stopped by locked doors or past failures. **He comes not to confront his disciples with their failures, but to grant them peace.** His greeting, "Peace be with you," carries the sense of the Hebrew greeting "shalom," a blessing that denotes more than simply tranquillity but a deep and holistic sense of well being. It is not some passive sense of feeling good or the mere absence of conflict. The peace that the Easter Christ breathes on his terrified and confused disciples shows them a way out from behind the self imposed locked doors.

I wonder if we are really so different from those first disciples? The promise of today's gospel is that Risen Jesus cannot be stopped by our locked doors. Jesus comes to us as he came to the first disciples, right in the midst of our fear, pain, doubt, and confusion. He comes speaking peace, breathing into our anxious lives the breath of the Holy Spirit.

What is more, **he keeps showing up!** As we hear today, he came back a week later for Thomas. Jesus keeps coming back, week after week, among his gathered disciples here at OLR Parish -- in the Word, Sacraments, the bread, and the wine -- not wanting any of us to miss out on the life and peace he gives. And he keeps sending us out of our safe, locked rooms, into our community that, like us, so desperately needs his gifts of life and peace.

Wishing you and yours every blessing.

Fr Peter Brannelly

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday 12th April:

- ◆ 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 13th April:

- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am
Maleny Rosary 9.30am after Mass
- ◆ Landsborough St Vincent De Paul Meeting every 2nd Tuesday at 9am in the Ron Hickey Centre.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.

Wednesday 14th April:

- ◆ No art class with Jude this week.
- ◆ Men's Prayer group in the Parish Centre 10.30am-12noon.
- ◆ Maleny Cards 6pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Thursday 15th April:

- ◆ Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9:30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402

Friday 16th April:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 17th April:

- ◆ Maleny Monster garage sale from 7.00am; heaps of bargains!

Parish Diary

Monday 12 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 13 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 14 April

No Mass

Thursday 15 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 16 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 17 April

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 18 April

3rd Sunday of Easter

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



Congratulations to all six of our parishioners

who were initiated, or completed their initiation, at the OLR Easter Vigil last weekend. Susan, (pictured right) with Fr Josh and Rose – both from the Maleny Catholic Community – said that the celebration was “very warm, enriching and inclusive - a palpable sense of God's presence.” We wish all six parishioners –

Susan, Rose, Phillip, Nonie, Jessie and Stacey

- a blessed Eastertide and we look forward to learning about the different gifts and talents that God has given you.

Peter's Pavers If you are interested in doing a bit of landscape gardening over the Easter holidays and you need a few pavers – then, look no further! The pavers around the side entrance to OLR church need to be replaced and are looking for a new home – if you are interested please contact Fr Peter.

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A VOCATION VIEW

Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years.

Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. “As the father sent me, so I am sending you...”.

HELLO



Are you having trouble booking a Mass on Eventbrite?

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on 0400 291 979 and they will assist you with your bookings.

As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful congratulations to
Hazel Asanuma & Elki Pilling who were baptised this weekend at OLR, Caloundra.

We also pray for **Shirley Marriner** a former parishioner, whose funeral will be in Geelong next week. May her soul and all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace**.

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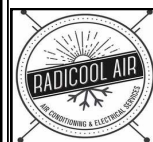
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