

Caloundra Catholic Parish

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
2ND MAY 2021**

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Acts 9:26-31 Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24 Gospel: Jn 15:1-8

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This weekend in our Gospel we are presented with the rich, familiar, agricultural image of the vine and the branches. Immediately for me I picture nice, neat rows of vines, gently sloping trellised slopes, and branches weighed down with plump, healthy, juicy grapes. **Chardonnay country at its best!** In the Gospel story we are, of course, the branches, and Jesus is the vine. All connected, all productive all very neat and cozy!

What throws a spanner into the works is that small matter of being pruned! To prune a plant is to cut branches of it off. **Ouch.** It seems a very violent activity. If you listen carefully to the Gospel you will hear Jesus mention the act of pruning twice. What's more, if we are pruned we will be thrown out to wither.

From our church here on the Caloundra coastline or in our hinterland communities, our nervous hesitation to being pruned is natural enough. In reality, however, the actions of a good vinedresser are anything but violent or random. A good vinedresser tenderly pores over each branch and delicately cuts only the smallest amount so that the vine will be healthier and more productive. From experience the vinedresser knows that to cut too much or too little will deprive the vine of its distinctive character. Every cut is measured so as to bring about greater growth for the whole vine and a bigger yield for the vineyard.

The first hearers of this story would have instantly picked up on this metaphor and would have understood the practical daily implications the story had for them as they struggled to live out their Christian life. **Being on the vine of Christ's love is ultimately what counts.** If the fruit we produce is bitter and poisonous; if we are unforgiving and unjust; if, in our homes, schools, workplaces and in our relationships we are divisive and our actions and attitudes cause pain then we are definitely in need of the gentle hand of the vinedresser who only wants to bring forth the yield he knows we are capable of achieving.

The whole point of this weekend's Gospel is that we will be judged by the practical acts of love and faith that permeate the daily encounters of our lives. Looking holy or claiming to be Christian misses the point. As Billy Graham once said, "Being a member of the church makes you no more a Christian than living in a garage makes you a car." **It is in our actions that we bear fruit.** It's in having the courage this week to trust God enough to risk change, to forgive, to let go, that the story of the vine and the branches comes alive and we bring forth the yield that God knows we are capable of achieving.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead.

Fr Peter Brannelly

As India faces an unprecedented crisis with the COVID-19 pandemic, we especially pray this weekend:

"For the people of India, as their country is burdened with illness and with fear: heal those who are sick, support and protect their families and friends, and comfort their loved ones here in our community."



Invitation

At OLR, the Rosary Prayer Group will be reciting the rosary after every weekday mass during the month of May.

All welcome.

If you can't join them in the church you are invited to pray the rosary with them via the live streaming immediately at the conclusion of Mass.

May Month of Mary

In the month of May, we honour Mary, mother of the Church. To celebrate this special month, the Caloundra parish Intercession/Prayer Ministry is committed to praying to Mary to intercede for the prayer needs of the parish, community and the world.

You can send your prayer request to <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/prayer-request/>

The prayer petition boxes would now be available in every Hinterland and Coastal parish community starting this weekend.



Every five years the Australian Bishop's Conference conducts a **Mass count across Australia**. Over the four weeks of May this mass count will take place.

With the Covid-19 restrictions still in place across the country, the results of the Mass count this year will provide the demographers with a unique picture of the Church in Australia. The good news for us is because we are using the Eventbrite booking system for Mass we already have an accurate Mass count (that is why it is important to register on Eventbrite if you are going to Mass in May).

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Parish Diary

Monday 3 May

Sts Philip and James, apostles
Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 4 May

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 5 May

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Thursday 6 May

Mass (Unity) 8.30am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am
Funeral (OLR) Vyvian Andringa 11am

Friday 7 May

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 8 May

Confession (OLR) 8.30am
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 9 May

6th 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

WATCH MASS LIVE

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

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Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants

Those parents with new born babies wishing for them to be baptised are reminded of the preparation meeting which takes place at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra, this **Thursday 6th May**, beginning at 7pm. At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates. To book in for the preparation evening and to receive the necessary paperwork please contact the Parish Office on 5430 9390 or email caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

We pray for **Rebecca Sutherns** whose funeral rites were celebrated last Thursday at Sacred Heart, Maleny. We also pray for **Vyvian Andringa** who died last week and her funeral will be this Thursday at OLR. May their soul and all our deceased Priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

The Journey Begins

This weekend a group of children from our Parish and their families began their formal preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**

which we will celebrate on Wednesday, May 26th.

Confirmation is the second sacrament of their initiation into the Church of God. It is a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to renew their faith; to discover God who is present in all we do. Let us welcome and pray for them especially during their journey of preparation.

A VOCATION VIEW

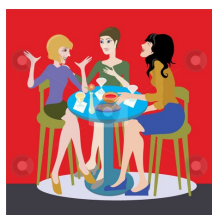
The afflicted Job in the Old Testament thinks that his life is like dust in the wind; his restlessness depicting the sorrow and sadness afflicting society today.

Are we prepared for the task ahead? To heal the broken-hearted, to bind up all their wounds? How do you choose to respond?

Weekly Update 2021 NET Team

This week has been a busy start to term two, our team has been getting back into the groove of visiting classes and getting to know students around the school and during their break times. We got involved in the ANZAC day ceremony held on Friday and are busy preparing events like our recently formed young adults' group. We followed on from Father Josh's talk about the history of the bible with some discussion lead by Rhea about the early chapters of Genesis.

LADIES LUNCH. The Ladies Lunch is starting again on Friday May 21st at 12 noon at Three restaurant.



Unlike before we need to know numbers. Please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday May 17th if you would like to attend.

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday 1 May:

- ◆ Rite of enrolment for all children making their Confirmation.
- ◆ OLR 5pm Wine & Cheese after Mass tonight: COVID rules will apply, come along and enjoy the company.

Sunday 2 May: 5th Sunday of Easter

- ◆ Rite of enrolment for all children making their Confirmation.
- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass
- ◆ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity grade 9-12 - 6-8pm
- ◆ Please join us for a cuppa after the 8am Unity Mass today. All welcome.
- ◆ Maleny - Morning tea in the Pat Daley Centre after Mass; Covid-safe regulations will apply. All welcome.

Monday 3 May:

Labour Day PUBLIC HOLIDAY

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday.
- ◆ The OLR craft group will be back on the 10th May in the Parish Centre 9am-12noon due to public holidays. 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. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403 175 714

Tuesday 4 May:

- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group every Tuesday in the Adult Education room from 9.30-10.45am. All welcome, any enquiries contact Vivien 0400291979
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am Maleny Rosary 9.30am after Mass.
- ◆ Maleny Ladies Group meeting 9.30am in the Pat Daley Centre. Covid-safe regulations will apply.
- ◆ 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 5 May:

- ◆ Art class with Jude this week in the Parish centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ OLR Men's Sharing Group 10am-11:30am. In the Parish Centre meeting rooms.
- ◆ Confirmation preparation evening for the children making their confirmation 5-6pm in the OLR church

Thursday 6 May:

- ◆ Baptism prep in the OLR Church 7-8pm.
- ◆ 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 7 May:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Maleny **Biggest Morning Tea** 10.00am in the Pat Daley Centre; see Pam Cronk 5494 2487 for tickets.
- ◆ Lighthouse Youth Group Grade 6-8 in the Parish Centre from 5:15-7:15pm

Sunday 9 May: Mothers Day

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass
- ◆ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity grade 9-12 - 6-8pm



Maleny Catholic Ladies Group are hosting a High Tea for the Cancer Council Australia's **Biggest Morning Tea** on Friday 7 May 2021 commencing at 10.00am, in the Pat Daley Centre, Maleny Catholic Church, 45 Cedar Street Maleny. A delicious High Tea with a glass of bubbly, 5 free raffle tickets and a lucky door prize are included in the ticket of \$25. With Covid regulations, numbers are limited, so please contact **Pam Cronk** on 5494 2487 to reserve your ticket.

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