

Caloundra Catholic Parish

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9TH MAY 2021**

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Gospel: Jn 15:9-17

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Dear all,

The Easter Season has given us a number of images of God and our relationship with him. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, Jesus spoke of himself as the Good Shepherd and identified us as the sheep of his flock. Last week he said that he is the Vine and we are the branches. In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals the secret element that connects the Shepherd and his sheep, the Vine and the branches: **Love**. He gives us the commandment that **we are to love one another as He has loved us**.

At first, I struggled with this phrase. Loving others is a noble and beautiful ideal, but how can we command love? If we don't love somebody, we can't help it. For instant, when someone irritates us at work or in our family, loving that person seems unreasonable. When someone ignores or hurts us, loving that person can seem impossible.

However, I think love, as Jesus speaks of it here, is different. Love is not just a good emotional feeling or a sentimental affection to others. It is not something we do if we feel like it. **It is rather a decision, a choice, a commitment and an act of the will to be good to others and to do good for others.**

I think this kind of love is what Jesus is talking about. It is the kind of love that Jesus Himself exemplified for us. **He commands us to do the same.** Every day we are to give ourselves up for one another, by the way we choose, decide and commit ourselves to love others: in small ways, like acting and dealing with others kindly, politely and lovingly, and in large ways, like giving of ourselves to care for others. Loving others is our Christian obligation. **Our love for God and for one another is not just a word, but an action and always demands sacrifice.**

Today is also Mother's Day. We remember and pay tribute to mothers who love, and who continuously show us the path of love. Mothers are living reminders of peace, unity, and love. We salute them, for not giving up, and for continuing to be agents of God's love and peace to us.



Happy Mother's day to all
Mothers and a blessed week
to all.

Fr Dang

Mary in May

May is the month of Mary in the Church. "Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole mystery of Christ from the incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be." Vatican Council II Sacrosanctum Concilium #102, 103. A faithful group of parishioners prays the rosary at Our Lady of the Rosary after daily Mass during the month of May. A warm invitation is extended to you to join them.

National Count of Mass attendance

Australia's Catholic parishes are asked to undertake the five-yearly National Count of Attendance in May. Held every five years since 2001, the project is a simple head count of all attenders at all parishes over the four weekends of May. The National Count of Attendance is held in the same year as the Australian Census, which will take place in August. That allows for information gathered from the two projects to be analysed together.

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."

Something Practical

It is heartbreaking watching the plight of the people of India as they face this next wave of the Coronavirus. Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.



WALL OF PRAYER

At the entrance to Our Lady of the Rosary church you will discover some of the smiling faces of those in our Parish Family energetically preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation.

They will celebrate Confirmation on the evening of the 26th May. During these busy days of preparation, we keep the candidates and their families in our prayers.

Parish Diary

Monday 10 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 11 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 12 May

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Thursday 13 May

Mass (Unity) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 14 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 15 May

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 16 May

The Ascension of the LORD

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

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Young Adults Gatherings (YAG)

Our wonderful NET Team have recently started hosting a fortnightly young adults gathering at their house behind OLR church in Caloundra. The fortnightly gatherings on Wednesdays at 6pm are a chance for young men and women to share a meal (they had KFC last week :-), enjoy hanging out with each other, and also spend some time learning about faith-based topics. Last Wednesday, the group watched a 45min YouTube video of Fr Mike Schmitz (host of the popular podcast, *Bible in a Year*), giving a talk about God's love for us made manifest in the Eucharist. Fr Mike also linked this unconditional love in a special way to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you are a young adult, or if you know of any young adults who may be interested in gathering fortnightly on Wednesdays for a couple of hours, please get in contact with our Young Adult Coordinator, Kath Ball, on 0418 187 914 or kathryn.ball@depcom.com.au



Weekly Update 2021 NET Team

The past week has been a busy one for us. We had our first youth groups for the term where we kicked things off with Crazy Olympics at Lighthouse and a Trivia Night at Illuminate. In these coming weeks, we are looking at going deeper with topics like self-Image, confidence and our personal journeys/struggles with Jesus. As well as our youth groups we've been both focusing on immersing ourselves in the Unity community and getting a regular fortnightly Young Adult Gathering (YAG), up and running at the NET house. Please pray for our mission this year, that our young people would experience Christ through us.

A VOCATION VIEW

Today's Gospel says that: "Jesus was moved with pity, when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love or pity when you see the outcast of today's society? Who will come forward to minister Christ today?

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.



As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful

congratulations to **Clara Shepherd** who was baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary church, Caloundra.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 9 May: Mothers Day

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

Monday 10 May:

- ◆ 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 11 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.
- ◆ Funeral at Maleny for Shirley Clare 11am.
- ◆ 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 12 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.
- ◆ Maleny cards 6.00 pm in the Pat Daley Centre
- ◆ Confirmation preparation evening for the children making their confirmation 5-6pm in the OLR church

Thursday 13 May:

- ◆ 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 14 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.
- ◆ Spirituality Group meets in the OLR Parish Centre 9.45am-12noon every 2nd Friday of the month.
- ◆ Lighthouse Youth Group Grade 6-8 in the Parish Centre from 5:15-7:15pm

Sunday 16 May:

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

Happy Golden
50 Years Anniversary

At this time of the year many families are celebrating important anniversaries. This weekend we acknowledge the Golden Wedding anniversary of **Philip & Bernice Courtney** and at the 9:30am Mass this Sunday we will join with the family of **Mike and Maria Stewart** in celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary. As a Parish, we give thanks to God for their witness and being part of our faith journey.

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.



In Transition

We pray for **Barry Zeller** whose funeral rites will be celebrated this Wednesday at Gregson & Weight Caloundra 9am. We pray for **Shirley Clare** whose funeral rites will be celebrated this Tuesday at Sacred Heart, Maleny 11am. We also pray for **Vyvian Andringa & Gwen O'Brien** who died last week and their funeral was at OLR Thursday & Friday at OLR. May their soul and all our deceased Priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

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