Caloundra Catholic Parish

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 16TH MAY 2021

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Eph 4:1-13 Gospel: Mk 16:15-20

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Applying the Ascension to our lives today

Over the years I've heard (and I bet you have too), many different homilies on what Jesus' Ascension into heaven means for us as Christians. The homily theme that comes to mind most readily is that post-Ascension, the resurrected Jesus exists in human lives in a new way. This *way* enables us to experience him, not in the same way the disciples did, but in our hearts, our minds and in others – and of course, in the Eucharist.

I wonder, what's been your personal experience of Jesus? While many faithful Catholics indeed experience the nourishing effects of Jesus each week at Mass, many more have never had a deeply personal, life-changing encounter with the Lord. Would you place yourself in this category? Did you know that Jesus himself desires this *encounter* with you more than you could ever know?

It makes me sad to think about the fact that for so many baptised Catholics, their *experience* of Jesus is limited to what happens at Sunday Mass. Yes, Christ is fully and equally present to us in four different ways when we celebrate Mass – in the Eucharist, the proclaimed Word, the gathered congregation and in the person of the presider – but the Ascended Christ should not and cannot be limited to these four ways.

In Mark's Gospel account of the Ascension today, the disciples are commissioned to "Go out to the whole world [and] proclaim the Good News to all creation" (Mk 16:15). We are all commissioned in a similar way by the presider (acting in the person of Christ), at the end of Mass, but our commission depends on us sharing what we've received. If all we've received is an experience of Jesus at Mass, we're going to find it extremely difficult – I'd suggest – to bring others to Jesus; why? Because a non-Catholic will not, in most instances, be comfortable coming to a celebration which presumes and indeed requires a certain literacy. Mass, for example, is not the start of the journey for most people but the end of the journey; the high point if you will; the summit they reach after climbing up the stages of faith.

Friends, today's celebration of the Ascension means that others can experience Jesus Christ in their lives – even if they're not Christian – but it also behoves us to experience Christ in ways that are not limited to Mass. The commission we receive in today's Gospel is not a commission for *them* to come to Mass but for *us* to go forth *from* Mass and seek to encounter Jesus in deeply personal, life-changing ways that we cannot help but share with others.

Let's pray, therefore, for the gift of this *encounter* with the Lord today and throughout the coming week. In doing so we refrain from *going forth* at the end of Mass, having simply satisfied our Sunday obligation, but do so as missionary disciples who seek to share what we've received with a community, state, country and world that's suffering and thirsting for Jesus Christ in all his fullness.

Peace and blessings for the coming week,

Fr Josh

We are nearing the end of our Easter Season as we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend, and then Pentecost Sunday next weekend. Both of these feasts help us to further make connections between the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Christ and our own life, death, and resurrection.

As soon as we think of the great feast of Pentecost we think of the Holy Spirit and the colour RED which so powerfully symbolises this feast and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Next weekend why don't we all, as a community, try and wear something **RED**, and during the course of living this week contemplate what that item of clothing might be. It certainly is a practical way of preparing for **Pentecost!**

You need not be isolated from your Caloundra Parish family if you find yourself suddenly sick or unable to join us for Mass each weekend. In each of our communities there are Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who, on a weekly basis, visit homes within our Parish and they bring with them the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like them to visit you or if you know someone who is in need of a visit please contact the Parish Office on email caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au or phone 54309390.



A big thank you to all the parishioners who supported the "Australia's Biggest Morning Tea" run by the Maleny Catholic Ladies Group. The \$1,910 raised goes to the Cancer Council.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation'. There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel", "I am with you".

NATIONAL 17-23 MAY 2021 VOLUNTEER RECOGNISE. RECONNECT. REIMAGINE. WEEK

THANKING OUR VOLUNTEERS - NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK in MAY 2021

Next week (May 17-23) Australia will celebrate National Volunteer Week (NVW). Throughout all 95 parishes, and by virtue of its work with Centacare, our Archdiocese has one of the largest numbers of volunteer groups throughout the state—around 10,000 approximately.

As we enter NVW, the parish leadership team would like to recognise and celebrate the valuable contribution these volunteers make to keep wheels of our parish turning – both in the hinterland and coastal communities.

Thank you for your dedication to our mission of evangelisation – sharing the Good News with those who're both inside our church buildings and perhaps more importantly, those who are or feel separated from the Body of Christ.

This year's theme is apt in the wake of the COVID19 pandemic—"Recognise, Reconnect, Re-Imagine." If you know someone who volunteers in our parish, please take the time to thank them for their dedication. If you would like to volunteer, please go to the parish website and register through the Volunteer Portal: https://caloundracatholicparish.net/volunteering/

You shall worship the LORD your God, and I will bless your bread and your water; and I will take sickness away from among you (Exodus 23:25)

'Hours Of Grace '(HOG) is a prolonged period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament initiated in Australian Catholic Parishes to enable prayer and praise to Jesus Christ who is truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

It happens across the country every year from Ash Wednesday till Pentecost. These are moments of grace where Jesus invites each one of us into an intimate encounter for a loving embrace.

It is a personal invitation to all who love Him through this Heavenly Sacrament.

This month beginning at 10am on Thursday 20th May until Saturday 22nd May 9am, there will be continuous Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at **Our Lady of the Rosary Church**, **Caloundra**.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to come together for prayer. The church will remain open the entire time and the Blessed Sacrament will be on the Altar except during liturgies and meetings.

You are encouraged to register in advance for your available time for a selected period using the roster available at the entrance of the church.

We hope this will be a wonderful time of prayer for everyone.

National Count of Mass attendance

This weekend's head count will be counting all the male and females who will be at Mass. 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 attendees 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.

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.





LADIES LUNCH. The Ladies Lunch is this 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.

Parish Diary

Monday 17 May Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 18 May Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 19 May School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Thursday 20 May
Mass (Unity) 8.30am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 21 May

Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Landsborough) 10am

Saturday 22 May

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

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

Sunday 23 May PENTECOST Sunday

Mass (OLR) 6.30am Mass (Landsborough) 7am Mass (Unity) 8am

Mass **(Kawana)** 8am Mass **(Maleny)** 9am

Mass (Curimundi) 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/

PLEASE NOTE
OUR NEW OFFICE NUMBER
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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 16 May:

- ♦ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass
- ♦ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity for grades 9-12 6-8pm

Monday 17 May:

- ♦ 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, every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7-8.30pm in the AED room. Contact Dorothy for details 0403 175 714

Tuesday 18 May:

- Women's Prayer and Friendship Group every Tuesday in the Parish Centre 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.
- ♦ 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 19 May:

- ♦ Art class with Jude this week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Caloundra Catholic Community Social Justice Network (CCCSJN) in the Pastoral Care Boardroom 10.00am–11.30am. Special topic is preparation for ATSI Sunday. Visitors and enquiries welcome but it is essential to contact Bob before the meeting to receive papers. bngcullen@optusnet.com.au
- ♦ Confirmation practise evening for the children making their Confirmation 5-6pm in the OLR church

Thursday 20 May:

♦ Hours of Grace will happen in the OLR Church from 10am 20th May till 9am Saturday 22nd May. See details on page two.

Friday 21 May:

- Landsborough Mass this week will be at 10am which will include the wedding of Peter Farrell and Dianne Potts.
- ♦ Lighthouse Youth Group for grades 6-8 in the Parish Centre from 5:15-7:15pm

Saturday 22 May:

♦ Hours of Grace finishes at 9am

Sunday 23 May:

- ♦ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass
- ♦ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity for grades 9-12 6-8pm

Last week we had a very busy and fun week. We got to meet new people and do some new activities. When we were at Unity last week we ran a year 6 class encouraging them to love the people in their community, a year 8 class about reformation, a session teaching year 7's how to lead their own prayers, and more. Within our community we had a Young Adult night where we had food, chatted and watched a video on intimacy with the Eucharist. We also attended the Alpha event on Saturday and got to meet some new faces and had the opportunity to do prayer teams. Have a great week, the **NET Team.**

As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate

Jacob Pennísí & Tenísh Guílford who will be married at likley this weekend.

We also congratulate two of our parishioners Peter Farrell & Díanne Potts

who are getting married at Our Lady of the Way Landsborough on Friday 21st May.





As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful congratulations to

Stevie Rowlings

who was baptised this weekend at Our Lady of the Rosary church, Caloundra.

In Transition

We pray for *Giuseppe Berta, Barry Zeller, Hazel Seto & Shirley Clare* whose funeral rites were held at Gregson & Weight last week. May their soul and all our deceased Priests, religious and parishioners *Rest in Peace*.

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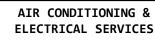
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