# **Caloundra Catholic Parish**

#### 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20TH JUNE 2021

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11 Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:14-17 Gospel: Mk 4:35-41

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#### CEO Sleepout Extraordinary News

Over the past two weeks, our parish has raised an extraordinary amount of money for homeless people in Southeast Queensland. Last Wednesday evening, Fr Josh and Michael Stewart, our OLR school principal, slept rough on a cold night for the St Vincent de Paul CEO Sleepout. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, we managed to raise over \$12,222.00 for Vinnies to assist our brothers and sisters in Christ who aren't as fortunate as most of us.

This weekend's readings communicate strong images of God's power and presence in the forces of nature: the ocean and wind in particular. For the ancient Israelites, to enter the sea on board a boat was to subject one's self to the unpredictable and terrifying nature of God's power and presence. If the sea became rough with stormy winds and their boat sank, God was angry with them. If, however, the wind and sea became calm, God saved them from his wrath.

Thankfully, we no longer hold and cultivate the image of an angry God whose presence in the world causes fear and destruction; nor do we promote a God of fire and brimstone. We do, on the other hand, continue to experience the power and presence of forces in this world beyond our control; forces which, without strong support structures of family and a community, cause shipwrecks in our lives.

Our brothers and sisters on the streets are one such group of people who experience the destruction caused by forces, much of the time, beyond their control. Mental illness is a primary cause of homelessness in our communities – often resulting in broken relationships and a downward spiral of substance dependency and isolation, which only perpetuates the real problems.

The marvellous response to our Vinnies CEO Sleepout appeal tells us three important things: first, that ours is a parish that's well-tuned to the social issues amongst our community; second, it tells us that we want and need concrete ways of being the hands and feet of Jesus to those who need help most of all (Mt 25:40); third, it tells us that when we know where our financial resources are directed and when it's a worthy cause, we want to give over and above our Sunday offering.

While the giving of our financial resources is not the only avenue for being Jesus' hands and feet, it's perhaps the easiest way for us when we consider our parish age demographic. With 54% of Sunday Mass attendees in our parish over 70 years old, and a whopping 76% over 50 years old – according to the May census – *giving* forms a concrete and tangible way that we can immerse ourselves into the mission of our faith community: to reach out beyond our walls to the lost and forsaken.

Thank you – **you personally** – to what you give to our parish. You form a vital and integral part of our capacity to be Jesus' hands and feed to those who need it most and in this instance, this means our homeless brothers and sisters who are loved both by Jesus Christ, and because of your generosity, by you.

Every peace and blessing, Fr Josh

<b>From The Net Team</b> We are preparing for our last week of ministry before we leave for our midyear break. It has been a busy 5 months and the fruit of our labour is starting to ripen. We are seeing that a handful of students are becoming intrigued by our faith and we are hoping to continue to journey with them for the next half of the year. We have a lot of opportunities coming up for our young people to have an Encounter with Jesus, including Ignite conference, a Deanery level youth rally and an overnight camp for our senior youth group (just to name a few). We are in continuous need of your prayerful support, because at the end of the day it is not through our strength that lives will be changed this year. Thank you for a wonderful 5 months, we've really felt at home in the parish. <b>God Bless, Net Team</b>
<b>Changes to Music Ministry at Parish Masses</b> You may have noticed over the past 2 months that we've been introducing some contemporary music on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays at 9.30am OLR Mass, as well as every Sunday at our 5pm Unity Family Mass. We currently have a small repertoire of songs that people are starting to become familiar with but your patience is asked for and appreciated. It takes time to develop new music ministries but it's something we can no longer neglect. Music is simply key for attracting younger people and families to our places of worship and while we're blessed to have many loyal and faithful music ministers who give their time week in and week out, inviting new people and new music into our Sunday worship is a key strategy for growing our parish
community. If you or someone you know would like to assist us with your musical ability (instruments or singing), please contact the parish office (Fr Josh) and we'll be in touch.
PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER CAMPAIGN: People across the country are invited to participate in the <i>"Fan the Flame"</i> prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheflame/

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.

Everyday members of our 5 Parish St Vincent de Paul Conferences come into contact with people who are homeless. These members of our community may be sleeping in their car, struggling to make do with rough outdoor arrangements or using the couch of some temporary benefactor. The basic issues of safety and security that a home provides are compounded for families with children.

Accessing affordable accommodation has become more difficult as a result of the pandemic. House prices and rents have risen exponentially, leaving many struggling to afford permanent accommodation. These are individuals and families who have previously been able to manage. They are part of the increasing number of people seeking assistance from charities such as St Vincent de Paul.

Our Lady of the Rosary parish community has a long history of supporting the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society here in our local communities, either as members of our 5 Conferences or through prayers and generous donations.

Envelopes for your donations will be available at masses on Appeal weekend.

As we enter this winter in the shadow of coronavirus, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is very much needed and appreciated.

On the weekend of July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> our 5 local St Vincent de Paul conferences will be holding their annual Winter Appeal. Unlike the Vinnies Sleepout, the money raised through this appeal remains locally to help the members of our Vinnies conferences to respond to the ever increasing needs of our local community.

#### Your generous support is always appreciated and never taken for granted. Thank you

# **Parish Diary**

Monday 21 June St Aloysius Gonzaga, Mass (OLR) 9am

<u>Tuesday 22 June</u> Sts John Fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Maleny) 9am

<u>Wednesday 23 June</u> School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

<u>Thursday 24 June</u> The Nativity of St John The Baptist Mass (Unity) 8.30am Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 25 June

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

Saturday 26 June Confession (OLR) 8.30am Mass (OLR) 9am

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

#### Sunday 27 June

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 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

Every 9am weekday Mass and the 9:30am Sunday morning Mass at OLR is live streamed. To access simply go to the parish web page and follow the link.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### Sunday 20 June: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ♦ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass (starts again 18 July 2021)
  - Illuminate Youth Group at Unity for grades 9-12 6-8pm

#### Monday 21 June:

- ♦ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday All welcome
- 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 - 0403175714

#### Tuesday 22 June:

- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group every Tuesday in the ADE from 9.30-10.45am. All welcome; any enquiries contact Vivienne 0409 897 673.
- ♦ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Parish Centre from 8:30 -12noon.
- Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am, 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 23 June:

- ♦ Art class with Jude this week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- Kawana Catholic Women's League meeting next Wednesday, 23rd June at 9.30am at The Good Shepherd Centre, Kawana.
- ♦ Maleny Cards 6pm in the Pat Daley Centre

#### Thursday 24 June:

 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 25 June: Last Day of School

 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.

#### Saturday 26 June:

 Maleny Catholic Ladies are hosting the bi-monthly Ecumenical morning tea in the Pat Daley Centre at 9.30am. Rev Deb Bird will be the guest speaker.

#### Sunday 27 June:

Maleny Forum after 9am Mass

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to simply find out a bit more of what the Church believes? Struggling to find answers to some of the bigger questions of life? We will soon be beginning a new journey for those who are interested in finding out a bit more of what we believe as Catholics. *Watch this space!!!* 



### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Our first Young Adults meeting away from the NET house was held last Wednesday night in the Parish Centre.

We had a lot of fun not only catching up with each other, but eating some fantastic Pad Thai made by our very own Verity.

This week, we talked about saints - who they are, how they lived, and the brilliant stories they leave behind for us. (Have you ever heard of St Francis' wolf? Jas has, and it was an epic story to hear!)

Next fortnight, our YAG group will be heading out for a social night of skating at the Rollerdrome! If you're a young adult and you'd like to tag along, contact Kath Ball on 0418 187 914.

#### Keep us COVID compliant

The important thing is to be able to give to the health authorities an accurate electronic record of who attended Mass at a particular day and time if there was a Covid scare. You now have a choice! Either use the current **Eventbrite** registration via the parish webpage **OR** you can now use the **QR Code**.

QR stands for quick response and information is stored within its maze-like lines that can be read by smartphones. The vast

majority of us already know about QR codes because we need them to enter shops, cafes, pubs, restaurants and check-in points at venues. They should be used when attending any parish meeting. They look a bit like barcodes made up of square-shaped patterns.



It probably is the way of the future so we might as well get use to it!

