

Heal Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021

On this Aboriginal and Torres Strait Sunday our Parish recognises the Traditional Owners of the land we gather on today. We acknowledge the care and deep spiritual attachment they have to this country and we commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



Caloundra Catholic Parish

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4TH JULY 2021

Proper of the Mass First Reading: Ezek 2:2-5 Second Reading: 2 Cor 12:7-10 Gospel: Mk 6:1-6

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Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. This year is particularly important following the COVID 19 Pandemic and its impact on the ways in which we interacted and make contact with one another.

This Sunday also coincides with the start of NAIDOC WEEK (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) and this year the theme chosen is HEAL COUNTRY, it is short, sharp and challenging! It calls on all of us to continue to seek greater protections for our lands, our waters, our sacred sites and our cultural heritage from exploitation, desecration, and destruction.

If you listen carefully to this weekend's gospel you will discover that Jesus, returning to his "native place' was rejected in his hometown. For some reason He did not fit into their ideological view and thus did not deserve respect in their eves.

I wonder if our own First Nations people have suffered a similar reception to Jesus in Nazareth. Their knowledge and complex cultural systems, created and honed over millennia, are often dismissed as primitive and irrelevant to our fast-paced world of today.

This could not be further from the truth, particularly as we become more aware of their continued care, love, and respect for 'country', grounded in a relationship with the creator that formed independently of Western influence.

2021 marks the 250th Anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in Australia. Yet the Spirit of God was poured out onto the original inhabitants of this great Southern Land many, many thousands of years prior. God's Spirit could be heard through the singing of the birds, the cascade of the waterfall, the rustle of the wind and, most importantly, in silence.

As a Catholic Parish, at the start of NAIDOC Week, may we have the wisdom and grace to learn from those who have gone before us and appreciate, respect and learn from the spirituality and traditions of our First Nation brothers and sisters.



Connectedness – Heal Country, heal our nation!

In recognition of **NAIDOC WEEK**, we welcome **Dr Hope O'Chin** to talk at the **OLR Church** to help us understand this theme. Aunty Hope, an elder of the First Nation Kabi Kabi people, has wide experience in health, education and the arts. A highly acclaimed artist herself, Aunty Hope will explore the themes of connectedness and spirituality. Friday 16 July 9.45 am. Cuppa 11.30 am. All welcome! More information next week. SAVE THE DATE!

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. We are about to start a new programme so if you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Fr Dang nguyend@bne.catholic.net.au

Half way through the school holidays we extend a warm welcome to all families and travellers visiting our Parish Family—we are grateful to share the Eucharist with you this weekend.



St Vincent de Paul Annual Winter Appeal

This weekend across our Parish our five St Vincent de Paul conferences hold their annual **Winter Appeal**. The funds raised by this

appeal are retained locally and used by the members of St Vincent de Paul to support those who are in need and who are usually living on the margins of our community. You generosity is always appreciated.

If you would like to support the Winter Appeal simply use one of the envelopes which you will find on you seat or at the entrance to the church. Alternatively, you can give through the donation tab on our website with SVDP as the reference.

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 8th July**, 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 <u>caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au</u>

Your Invitation to a Holy Hour

We celebrate four vocations/ states of life in the Catholic Church: single life, married life, religious life and ordained life. No matter whether you have discovered your vocation or are searching, you are invited to celebrate a **Vocations Holy Hour** at Unity College Chapel starting at 6pm on Sunday 18 July.



The evening will be supported by the Archdiocesan Vocations office and will comprise of hospitality, singing, a testimony, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is designed for people of all ages. Why not celebrate our 5pm Family Mass first and stay to enjoy the hospitality. Please let the parish office know your interest for catering purposes: <u>caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au</u>

Investing Two Hours into Your Faith Formation

On **Saturday 17th July**, 9.30am at OLR church, the Associate Director of Adult Formation at Evangelisation Brisbane, Mr Shane Dwyer, will be



with us to deliver a two-hour faith formation seminar. This is a valuable opportunity not to be missed because the consistent investment of time and effort in our faith development is an important and indispensable aspect of what it means to be Christian. Indeed, God "makes all things new" (Rev

21:5), and we participate in that *newness* when we renew our selves with learning

opportunities and openness to change. Shane has worked in the area of adult faith formation, spirituality, vocational and tertiary sector course provision, and resource development for the last thirty years. He was, until recently, the director of the National Centre for Evangelisation (an agency of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) and is currently enjoying the new challenge as team leader for adult formation in the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

We will start by celebrating 9am Mass, with the seminar to commence shortly after the conclusion of Mass. Registration will be at the door for this event. We look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful opportunity.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The monthly edition of *The Catholic Leader* is available from this weekend. Limited copies are available at each community and the cost is only \$4 each.

LADIES LUNCH. The ladies lunch for July will be Friday 16th at 12 noon at Kings Beach Tavern. We need to know numbers. Please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 12th July if you would like to attend.

Beerwah

Our community is in urgent need of an Overhead Projector Operator, to prepare and present our Saturday Masses on a roster basis. (Once every 4wks).

Minimal computer skills is required, full training will be available. Contact: Maurie on 54387213 or 0417128778 or Kathy on 54969137 or 0412714895.

In Transition

We pray for **Rhonda Mewha** whose funeral was held at G&W last Friday and **Elizabeth Stuart** whose funeral will now take place on Monday 5th July at the Unity College Chapel. May her soul and all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners



How quickly our world can change! The sudden lockdown caused by Covid-19 is a not so subtle reminder that we should not take things for granted! We return to the one person every four square meters rule and are reminded about the social distancing and sanitizing guidelines while inside the church. **Entry into the church is via the QR CODE or through EVENTBRITE only**. A casualty of the restrictions is the hospitality that was planned for this weekend – we will postpone our post Mass gatherings to the first weekend of next month.

Parish Diary

Monday 5 July Mass (OLR) 9am

<u>Tuesday 6 July</u> Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 7 July Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 8 July NO Mass (Unity) 8.30am Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 9 July

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

<u>Saturday 10 July</u>

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

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

Sunday 11 July

15th 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

New ALPHA courses

We have three new Alpha courses starting in two weeks. On Monday 12 July at 10am in the OLR Parish Centre, we have a day-time Alpha course designed for existing parishioners. On Tuesday 13 July we have a 6pm Alpha in the Parish Centre aimed more at people who may not be seasoned Catholics-but who may reply on your invitation. We also have a 6pm Alpha on Tuesday 13 July for young adults held at Kath and Jasmine's King St apartment. To register your interest, please email Jacinta: alphaOLRcal@gmail.com Look our for fliers in your church this weekend.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 4 July: ♦ Children's Church returns to OLR on the 18th July. Monday 5 July:

Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome

Tuesday 6 July:

- ♦ 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 Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Caloundra Parish Centre weekly beginning at 8:30am All welcome.
- Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am, Rosary 9.30am after Mass.
- Maleny Catholic Ladies Group meeting after Mass in the Pat Daley 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 7 July:

- ♦ Art class with Jude this week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- Caloundra Men's Group in Parish Centre today 10.30am

Thursday 8 July:

- ♦ Kawana Men's group today 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.
- ♦ Men's Choir practice in the OLR Church at 1pm new members always welcome.
- ◆ Baptism Preparation Meeting 7pm in the OLR Church. Contact the Parish Office (5430 9390)

Friday 9 July:

- 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 Caloundra Parish Centre at 9.30am. Saturday 10 July:

Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church

PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE—AGENDA RELEASED

The Plenary Council Agenda has now been released. It is accessible online. It has emerged from three years and several layers of prayer, listening, dialogue and discernment, and will shape the program of the Council's assemblies – the first of which opens on October 3 this year. The agenda's preamble draws from Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation



Evangelii Gaudium, which explores the Pope's "dream of a 'missionary option'". "That is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world rather than for her self-preservation," the Pope wrote. Plenary Council president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB said that invitation and exhortation to be a missionary people runs through the agenda. "Through the Plenary Council, we are being called to consider how we can be a Church that goes out to the peripheries, that welcomes all into our communities and shows the face of Christ to the world," Archbishop Costelloe said. The agenda has been developed in the form of posing questions, with 16 questions falling under six themes: Conversion; Prayer; Formation; Structures; Governance; and Institutions.

"So much of what we heard during the Council journey related to this concept of 'conversion' – personal conversion, communal conversion and institutional conversion – with an ever-deeper renewal in Christ," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"The agenda asks us a number of difficult questions, but without asking those difficult questions, we won't be entering into the depth of our hearts to consider how we become that missionary, Christ-centred Church we need today.

"Each member attending the assemblies will bring their own unique gifts to the agenda on behalf of the People of God in Australia."





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