

Caloundra Catholic Parish

We acknowledge the traditional owners of country where we are gathering today. As a Catholic Parish we recognise their continuing connection to the country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

**21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
22ND AUGUST 2021**

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Proper of the Mass

First Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Second Reading:

Eph 5:21-32

Gospel: Jn 6:60-69

Greetings,

Recently, I came across a quite interesting story, that I would like to share with you in my reflection for this Sunday. There was a legend about the Spanish explorer, Francisco Pizarro. In 1530 Francisco Pizarro commanded a small fleet that mapped the Pacific Coast of South America. Pizarro had no formal education. He could neither read nor write. At the age of fifty - quite old for an explorer back in the sixteenth century - he decided to lead an expedition.

His soldiers thought he was crazy and said they would not go. Standing on a beach in Panama, Pizarro drew a line in the sand. He said, "those who want to go with me cross this line. I cannot promise you anything but hardships - and possibly death. Those who wish comfort can return to Europe. But you will lose a great adventure - and maybe great riches." There were 169 soldiers who crossed the line. And they did conquer a vast, brilliant civilization - the Inca Empire.

Making choices is also a theme running through our readings this Sunday. In our first reading, Joshua asks the Israelites to make a choice. He challenges the Israelites who have entered the Promised Land to make a choice and to affirm their Covenant relationship with Yahweh. Their decision for God was reflected in their fidelity to the terms of Covenant, the Law. Then Joshua sets the example for the rest of Israelites: *"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."*

Our Gospel reading this Sunday continues from Chapter 6 of the Gospel of John which Jesus challenges his Jewish audience to make their choice of accepting him as the true Bread from Heaven, accepting him the New Covenant he offers in his Body and Blood. Jesus says: "If you want eternal life," "you must eat my flesh and drink my blood." Many people hesitate and walk away. Then Jesus turns to the Twelve and asks, "Do you also want to leave?" In saying that, Jesus is drawing a line in the sand - and inviting his disciples to cross it, to come with him.

In this Eucharist today, we, too, are asked whether or not we choose to remain in discipleship to Jesus. He invites us to cross the line and come to him when we come and receive the Holy Communion. When we receive Communion, we make our choice for Christ. We accept the challenge of following the way of Christ.

While giving Holy Communion, the priest says, "The Body of Christ" and we respond with a total, "Amen" or "Yes!" That "Yes!" is not just an act of faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the form of bread and wine but also a total commitment of ourselves to Jesus.

When we say the word Amen, it means that we accept the invitation, we cross a line, we make a commitment to stand with Jesus, no matter what. We express without any conditions or reservations our total commitment to him. Christ's thoughts and attitudes, his values, his life-view must become totally ours. Above all, we are to identify with him in the offering of his Flesh and the pouring out of his Blood on the cross by spending our lives for others.

So, this Sunday, Jesus draws a line in the sand and he asks us to make a decision. May each one of us give heed to this invitation and have the grace and courage to respond like St Peter in the Gospel today: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

(This reflection is inspired by the scriptural interpretations by Fr Anthony Kadavil
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/>)

Blessings, Fr Dang

Friends, once a year, the Archdiocese asks us to generously donate to the Annual Catholic Campaign. The campaign recipients – the Retired Priests Fund, Centacare, Mary MacKillop School Access Fund, and Holy Spirit Seminary – are indeed worthy beneficiaries of our generosity. This year, as well as accepting cash donations in envelopes which will be available in our churches this weekend, you can simply scan the QR code below using your phone's camera and go straight to the secure online donation portal. Thank you, in advance for your generosity.



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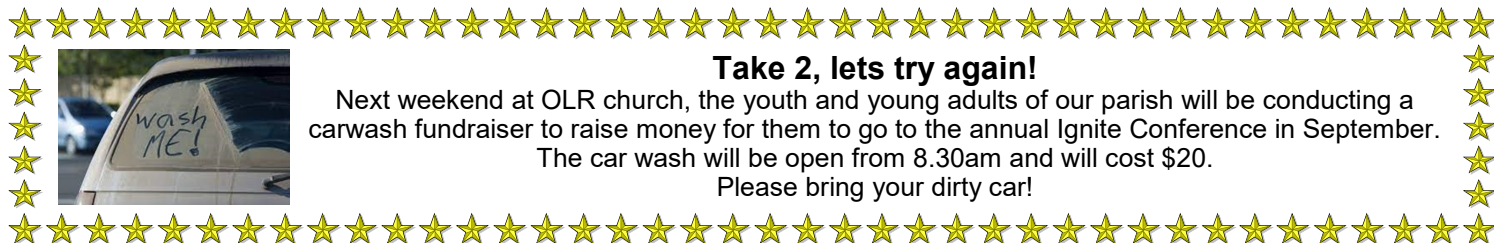
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NET REPORT

Isn't it funny how busy life can get without realizing it? This week has seemed so busy, and it's easy to get caught up in it all. On Friday our team was in different parts of the school all day running retreat sessions, classes and helping serve students in the tuck-shop. With all this busyness going on, I found that often we get caught up in our own little problems. Instead of focusing on how we can serve and love others, we focus on the things that inconvenience us and how we can avoid them. In your own life things might get busy, but these moments, in all of life's hustle and bustle, are when we most need to remember God and how much he loves us. Try to keep God in the forefront of your mind this week, even in those busy moments.

God bless, The NET Team.



Take 2, lets try again!

Next weekend at OLR church, the youth and young adults of our parish will be conducting a carwash fundraiser to raise money for them to go to the annual Ignite Conference in September.

The car wash will be open from 8.30am and will cost \$20.

Please bring your dirty car!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – THE CHURCH TOGETHER Sunday 22 August 2021

"But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth." Psalm 86:15.

Across all services on Sunday 22 August, Australia's Churches are invited to pray for our local, national and global communities experiencing great need and distress caused by COVID-19. Bishop Philip Huggins, NCCA President has written an article [Jesus Have Mercy Prayer](#) that speaks to the need for prayerful support for all those who seek comfort and hope at this time. There is great power in unified prayer and during this time we are invited to pray together

'JESUS HAVE MERCY', a prayer of compassion, the prayer of the heart.

Online Benedictine Retreat Opportunity

"Meet Me in the Middle" - This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope." Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II. This online retreat which will be available from **5 September 2021**. For registration and more information, please click the link:

<https://www.jamboroabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats/meet-me-in-the-middle/>



In Transition

As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful congratulations to **Grayson Milliken-Groves & Oscar Jones** who were baptised this weekend in the Maleny & OLR church.

We pray for **Elizabeth Nghia Vo** (Fr Joseph's sister) who died last week. May her soul and all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

Entry into the church is via the QR CODE only.

You need to bring your mobile phone with you to QR check in with the QLD government App.

Don't forget MASKS are still mandatory.

Parish Diary

Monday 23 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 24 Aug

St Bartholomew

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 25 Aug

School Liturgy (OLR School) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 26 Aug

Mass (Unity) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 27 Aug

St Monica

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 28 Aug

St Augustine

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 29 August

22nd 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

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The August edition of *The Catholic Leader* is available in the church. Limited copies are available at each community and the cost is only \$4 each.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 22 Aug: *21st Sunday in Ordinary time*

◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

◆ Illuminate Youth Group via Zoom for grades 9-12 - 6-8pm.

Monday 23 Aug:

◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.

◆ The OLR craft group meet every Monday 9am-12noon in the pastoral Centre. For more information please contact Helen McGlynn on 0409 050 722

◆ Alpha meet in the Parish centre 10:30-12:30pm.

Tuesday 24 Aug:

◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group every Tuesday in the Parish Centre. from 9.30-10.45am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409 897 673.

◆ The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the 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.

◆ 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.

◆ Alpha meet in the Parish centre 6-8pm.

Wednesday 25 Aug:

◆ Maleny cards 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

◆ OLR Men's Sharing Group 10am-11:30am in the Parish Centre meeting rooms. 2nd & 4th Wed each month.

◆ Kawana Catholic Women's League Lunchtime meeting at 12 midday at The Good Shepherd Centre today, 25th August.

Thursday 26 Aug:

◆ Kawana Men's group meet today every 1st & 4th Thursday 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre, Kawana.

◆ Men's Choir practice in the OLR Church at 1pm – new members always welcome.

◆ Maleny viewing of The Future of Catholicism in Australia Forum 2: *Outcomes and Actions for the Plenary Council* at 7.30pm in the Pat Daley Centre or if you use zoom sign up at www.acccr.com.au to view at home. More info: contact Judy Berlak at jberlak1@bigpond.com. Second viewing on Tuesday 31 August at 1.30pm in Pat Daley Centre.

Friday 27 Aug:

◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.

◆ Lighthouse Youth Group for grades 6-8 in the Parish Centre - 5:15-7:15pm.

Saturday 28 Aug:

◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.

Sunday 29 Aug: *22nd Sunday in Ordinary time*

◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

◆ Illuminate Youth Group at Unity for grades 9-12 - 6-8pm.

Longstanding Parishioners from our Landsborough community are seeking alternate rental accommodation. Either an unfurnished 2 bedroom house or unit in the Maroochydore area, to be closer to medical and family assistance. Please phone Paul or Shirley on 0432 949 835.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

COVID-SAFE live-out weekend – relationship enrichment for married couples, priests and religious from the Friday evening of 15 October to the afternoon of 17 October 2021 (including Mass) at Trinity College, Beenleigh (south of Brisbane) – going home on the Friday and Saturday evenings.

For bookings/details contact Maria and David Murphy, (07) 3342 456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wvme.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW: Jesus teach us about life everlasting. "Your words Lord are spirit and life..." It is this that gives us hope when we despair, a way of living when we stray from God's way. "The words I have spoken are spirit and they are life". It is Gods words that we need to hear to lift our spirit and give life. Pray for vocations.

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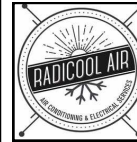
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