# **Caloundra Catholic Parish**

### **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

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**Proper of the Mass** 

First Reading: Is 50:5-9 Second Reading: James 2:14-18 Gospel: Mk 8:27-35 This last week, on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, myself, and twenty priests ordained under ten years from around Queensland gathered at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo, for a time of prayer, formation and sharing. An event like this has been in the works for several years but this was the first time it had actually happened. While the majority of priests were from the Archdiocese of Brisbane, there were also attendees from the dioceses of Rockhampton and Townsville. The aims of this gathering was to address some of the challenges priests face as they grow into their ministry and also provide a mutually supportive environment in which to share difficulties and learn from each other.

The schedule consisted of a balance of input and sharing based upon a three-fold framework of the spiritual life, the human life and the pastoral life. While we heard from Sr. Geraldine, Shayne Bennett and Fr. Frank Jones on these three topics respectively, what was even more powerful and indeed helpful, was listening to other under-ten priests share about not just their joys and learnings but also the trials and tribulations in their life and ministry.

Upon returning to Caloundra, I spent some time reflecting upon these three days of *under-tens* gathering and began to really grasp, perhaps for the first time, the dynamic way in which we, as humans, are able to identify with, empathise with and even experience the joys, trials and learnings of others. The reflection even became a tangible experience of St Paul's doctrine of the Body of Christ; ie. when one suffers, all suffer; when one celebrates, all celebrate (cf. 1 Cor 12:26). This sense of dynamism, power and potential, in the sharing of the ups and downs of our lives with each other is also a wonderful way to approach Scripture.

When we read and spend time with Scripture, it's never as a passive recipient but as an active participant. In my reflection, for example, I was further struck by how closely the things we young priests shared with each other from our lives – our love for God, the different ways we recognise God's closeness, the difficulties we experience, and the manifold ways we experience prayer/grace/relationship with God – are reflected in the rhythm and sentiment of this Sundays' psalm (116: 1-6, 8-9). Psalm 116 is, in essence, a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord. Like all 150 psalms, it expresses something of the writer's thoughts, emotions and experience of God's presence in the world. The writer of Ps. 116 – most scholars attribute authorship to King David – is experiencing some serious consolation in his spiritual life and has written a song about the ways that God has helped him out of a difficult situation.

I wonder what our song, our psalm, both as individuals and as a community would look like if we were to write about our contemporary experiences of God. The Book of Psalms contains every human emotion – both positive and negative – and these emotions are intimately connected to the psalmist's encounter with God. This is something worth pondering in our own prayer life this week because in doing so, in realising where we're at in our relationship with God and then, just as importantly, in sharing that with others, we participate in Jesus' perpetual incarnation – his taking flesh – both in and through each other. May your week be abundantly blessed and may the God who loves us unconditionally, be intimately present in your prayer.

### Fr Joshua Whitehead



### **SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

The word 'safeguarding' itself does not appear in the Bible. However, throughout its pages we're given hundreds of examples of God's heart for vulnerable people, and the expectations he places upon communities and societies in how we should respond to, and treat people who are vulnerable or voiceless.

Here in our Caloundra Parish and across the Archdiocese we are marking Safeguarding Sunday. This weekend is a powerful reminder that as a Parish Family we are committed to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. We want to create and sustain a safe environment for all.

To that end our Parish and the Archdiocese had adopted the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards. The Standards apply to all parishes, ministries, and agencies under the jurisdiction of the Archbishop. It is demonstrated by our Parish following best practice procedures and mandating that all volunteers and ministers have blue cards and police checks. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our safeguarding officer, Don Rolls email:

donaldr@bne.catholic.net.au

# NET REPORT

This past weekend the team ran a three day camp for students at Unity College. It was a beautiful and tiring experience with my highlight being adoration. I hadn't gone into the camp with the expectation of having a prayer experience myself. In the days leading up to the camp I was more



concerned with acquiring resources and going over the schedule. It was refreshing to find myself before Jesus in adoration. It was a reminder for me that Jesus is there in the midst of our work, particularly when we get caught up in the business of our own little world, it is important to stop and notice where Christ is working in our lives. God Bless. **Brooklynn and the NET Team**  LADIES LUNCH

The monthly Ladies Lunch is on this Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon. This month we are gathering at the Parkland Tavern and a warm

invitation is extended to all ladies of the community to join us – *bring a friend!* To assist with catering or if you have any questions please contact Deborah on 0410531901 by Monday 13th September if you would like to attend.

### Love is in the Air!!! DATE CLAIMER GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated with Archbishop Mark Coleridge on Saturday 25 September commencing at 11.30am at the cathedral of St Stephen. The invitation is extended to family and friends. Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions, refreshments following the Mass will not be offered. Bookings will be available from Monday 13 September and can be made via the following

link: https://goldenweddinganniversarymass.eventbrite.com.au or telephone the Cathedral office on 07 3324 3030.

The OLR Journey Closer to God men's group gathered for lunch at Moffat Beach on Wednesday afternoon for a BBQ bacon, egg and pineapple McMuffin lunch. L-R – Fr Josh, John, John, Jason, Paul, Terry, Peter, Bill and Jim.



### Sizzling!

Thank you to everyone who brought their appetite along with their shopping list to Bunnings on Saturday. The youth of our Parish were busy sizzling sausages and in the process, raising funds to allow as many as possible from our community to attend this year's Ignite Youth Conference at the end of September.

### IGNITE

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. The Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests, and religious from around the country, with the intention of sending them out with a passion for authentic faith in Jesus.

On behalf of the youth of our Parish, thank you for your support leading up to the conference. If you would like more information please email Fr Josh on: *whiteheadJ@bne.catholic.net.au* 

# In Transition

As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful congratulations to Alexía Bornacína Liebenberg, Gabriel Ruschi

Zane & Zidane Ezeakunne who will be baptised this weekend in the Landsborough & OLR church.

We pray for *John Lidster* who died last week and his funeral will be at G&W on this Friday.

This week we specially remember *Fr Mick Skehan* who faithfully served our community and his 5th anniversary is on this Saturday. May their souls and the souls of all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace**.

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this sacred land. Open to the Spirit who has ever been present here, we resolve to continue to appreciate its beauty, to be wise stewards of its resources, and to honour the connection the traditional owners have with the land.

# **Parish Diary**

Monday 13 Sept St John Chrysostom Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 14 SeptThe Exaltation of the Holy CrossMass (OLR) 9amMass (Maleny) 9am

<u>Wednesday 15 Sept</u> *Our Lady of Sorrows* School Liturgy (**OLR School**) 9am Mass (**Lt Mt**) 9.30am

> <u>Thursday 16 Sept</u> Sts Cornelius & Cyprian Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

<u>Friday 17 Sept</u> Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 18 Sept Confession (OLR) 8.30am Mass (OLR) 9am

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

Sunday 19 Sept 25th 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 Syro Malabar Catholic Community celebrate their Eucharist each Sunday afternoon at 5pm at Our Lay of the Rosary Caloundra.

# THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The September 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 12 Sept: 24th Sunday in Ordinary time

♦ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

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

### Monday 13 Sept:

- 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. Final meeting.

### Tuesday 14 Sept:

- 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. Final night.

### Wednesday 15 Sept:

♦ The young adults Alpha group meet in the Parish centre 6-8pm. Final night.
Thursday 16 Sept:

- 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 each fortnight. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402.
- ♦ No Unity Mass

### Friday 17 Sept:

- ♦ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ♦ Last day of school. School resumes on Tuesday October 5th.

### Saturday 18 Sept:

◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.

### Sunday 19 Sept: 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

♦ Kid's Club will be back after the holidays.



### 2022 Break Open the Word, Ordos, & Daily Mass Books are ready to order.

Orders & payment for these liturgical Resources must be in to the Parish Office by Wednesday 29th September 2021. 'Break Open the Word' \$20 contains Sunday readings. All readers are encouraged to purchase this book which is vital for

The **'Ordo' \$15** is used for liturgy planning & contains references to the readings for each day of the year, and other information.

your ministry preparation.



The 'Daily Mass Book' \$20 contains the Mass texts for Sunday & Weekday Mass, including references for the readings.

You can put money in an envelope with your name/ph number and order or come into the Parish office. Payment must be made before we can order.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites us to take urgent action against the proposed legislation for assisted dying. Show your opposition and reject these euthanasia and assisted suicide laws by signing the petition at <a href="https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au">https://www.noeuthanasia.org.au</a> It only takes a few minutes to complete and it reminds our political representatives of our opposition to this legislation. *If we don't sign the petition, who will?* 

Your continued generous financial support is appreciated and not taken for granted – a grateful Parish says - thank you!

