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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.

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Wis 2:12, 17-20 **Second Reading:** James 3:16-4:3 **Gospel:** Mk 9:30-37

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Several years ago, the American newspaper USA Today published an article on Dr Dylan Selterman, a psychologist and university lecturer. What got the newspaper's attention was Dr Selterman's habit of including in the final course exam the following question:

Select whether you want 2 points or 6 points added to your final grade. But there's a small catch: If more than 10% of the class selects 6 points, then no one gets any points.

If you were sitting that exam, how would you answer? You might be interested to know that last time he put that question in the exam 20 percent of the students selected 6 points so, true, to his word, the professor gave no extra credit to any of his students.

What was the point?

You see the exercise is more than just a lesson in self-interest. Rather, it highlights the dilemma between doing what's good for you as an individual versus doing what's best for the group or community. It is a tension that is lived out daily in our own choices and struggles. There will always be people who, for what ever reason, behave selfishly and consider the benefit to themselves before thinking about anyone else. However, if too many people act in that way, everyone suffers.

In many ways the extra credit question is equivalent to any resource in our community that we would all use, like food or water or land or any finite resource. If people are mindful of their own consumption, then it's fine, but if too many people are selfish, then we all suffer. Just think of the drought we had in Southeast Queensland a few years back. When everyone was mindful of their own consumption and consciously conserved water and made sure the taps were tightly turned off, then we were confident we would get through the drought together. However, if there was a sizeable proportion of our neighbours who flaunted the water restrictions, watered the lawn and took extra-long showers, then in the end, all of us would have suffered!

With that as a backdrop, I think Dr Dylan Selterman's exam question also is an object lesson in Christian discipleship! We hear very clearly in today's gospel: **"If anyone wishes to be first, they shall be last and the servant of all . . ."** It's a proposition that goes against our natural instincts. All our choices have consequences! If we are honest with ourselves, our first instinct to any given situation or event is to consider firstly the impact it has on me. Whereas Jesus seems to be inviting us to consider the impact of our decisions on others, weigh up the consequences of our actions, think beyond our own little world and see the possibilities our choices can have!

Actually, I believe consciously living out Jesus' description of being a servant is how we become mature and contributing members of our local community. But more than that, it is how our Christian faith this week finds purpose and meaning!

Fr Peter Brannelly



Modern technology certainly makes life much easier in so many ways. We are surrounded by gadgets and devices that we take for granted and yet, we could not imagine living without! **The old is continually giving way to the new!** Your Parish Family is no different – we are continually responding to the changing circumstances and like all of us, trying to keep pace with modern technology.

With no collection plates to help you support the mission of the Parish we rely upon technology to fill the gap. Thank you to all who generously support your Parish through the planned giving programme and direct debit – your commitment is appreciated. If you would like to financially support the mission of the Parish this weekend you are invited to use the adjacent QR Code that will enable you to make a donation. However you decide to support the Parish – we are grateful.

With Thanks



Last weekend, students and young adults from our parish – including the NET Team – gathered at Caloundra Bunnings to cook a fundraising BBQ. With the gift of a fine day and plenty of customers, they managed to raise over \$1400 in profit for the Ignite Conference and other future Young Adult/Youth initiatives! On behalf of everyone involved with the BBQ, the car wash (which raised \$1600) and other fundraising activities, thank you for your generous support over the last month. One of the things our parish does really well is get

behind concrete fundraising drives; it does not go unnoticed. We have eight Unity

College students going to Ignite Conference on Wednesday this week which, along with the adult helpers/supervisors and other young adults, is a great result for our parish. As this initiative is promoted in the years ahead, this number will grow to hopefully 20-30 each year. The Conference goes from Wed evening until Saturday afternoon and will offer an opportunity for delegates to experience the Person of Jesus in new and tangible ways.

Please pray for our youngsters this coming week and thank you, once again for your generous assistance. **Fr Josh**



NET REPORT

This week we took a trip down to Brisbane, primarily to attend a couple of events, but also as an opportunity to spend some time together as a team. We explored the city, visiting the museum, art gallery and Southbank parklands. This was a refreshing opportunity to catch up with each other. In the midst of our busyness, we often lose valuable time spent together. Whilst we are primarily here this year to serve the parish and school communities, a big part of our NET year involves developing each other. Living with four other like minded young people who are on the journey of following Jesus inevitably brings much spiritual growth. Sometimes the interactions we share with those closest to us become routine. I invite you to take a step back this week and to recognise Christ in the people closest to you. **Eli and the NET Team**

A crazy day of colour and fun!

The Colour Explosion fun run was held at OLR Primary School last Friday. Organised and run by the amazing OLR P&F committee, funds raised by students on the day exceeded \$30,000.00 and will be used to help fund classroom air conditioning, playground upgrades and robotics in the classrooms.

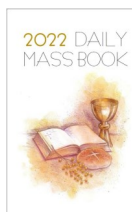


The afternoon was filled with fun and laughter as students, staff and Fr Josh ran through a number of obstacles whilst being covered in water and coloured corn-starch.

Thank you to Olivia, Kate and all of the parent volunteers. Your support of our students is outstanding!



Orders are now being taken for next year's **Break Open the Word**, which contains the Sunday readings (\$20); **Ordo** which is used for daily liturgy planning (\$15) and the **Daily Mass Book** that has the Mass text for Sunday and weekday Mass (\$20). Please place your name and community on an envelope enclosing the amount and details and forward it to the Parish Office by Wednesday, September 29th.



Please remember and tell your friends and neighbours who cannot attend Mass that we **live stream** our daily Mass from Caloundra at 9am each day except Wednesday and our Sunday Mass at 9:30am. You can access our live streamed Mass via the Parish Web Page.

Please Note: to enable parishioners and visitors to attend Mass there will be no parking allowed on Church grounds for people wanting to attend the Caloundra Music festival over the weekend of Friday October 1st to Sunday the 3rd October.

In Transition

As a Parish Family we extend our prayerful congratulations to **Luke Levin** who will be baptised this weekend in the OLR church.

We pray for **Esme Ritchie & Valerie Richardson** who died last week. May their soul and all our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

At the start of the school holidays we welcome all visitors and friends to the Sunshine Coast.
Thank you for sharing your faith with us and celebrating this Eucharist today.
We hope you enjoy your time in this little corner of God's good creation.

Parish Diary

Monday 20 Sept

St Andrew Kim Tae-gon

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 21 Sept

St Matthew

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 22 Sept

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 23 Sept

St Pius of Pietrelcina

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 24 Sept

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 25 Sept

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 26 Sept

26th 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 Lady of the Rosary Caloundra.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

- ◆ Kid's Club will be back after the holidays.
- ◆ Illuminate Youth Group will be back after the holidays.

Monday 20 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.
- ◆ 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 21 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.

Wednesday 22 Sept:

- ◆ OLR Men's Sharing Group 10am-11:30am in the Parish Centre meeting rooms. This weeks discussion will be on "A Church in Crisis" please call John 0416154144 for details.
- ◆ Kawana Waters Catholic Women's League Lunchtime meeting to be held at 12noon today, Wednesday, 22nd September in the Good Shepherd Centre, Kawana.
- ◆ Maleny cards at 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Thursday 23 Sept:

- ◆ Kawana Men's group today, every 1st & 4th Thursday 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.
- ◆ No Unity Mass in school holidays.

Friday 24 Sept:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Lighthouse Youth Group will be back after the holidays.

Saturday 25 Sept:

- ◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.

Sunday 26 Sept: *26th Sunday in Ordinary time*

- ◆ Kid's Club will be back after the holidays.
- ◆ Illuminate Youth Group will be back after the holidays.

For the last three months, children from the Syro Malabar Community have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion. This Sunday, 19th September, twelve children will be solemnly receiving the Holy Eucharist, and six will be receiving Confirmation from Fr George Mankuzhikary, Chaplain of the Syro Malabar community. The Holy Mass will be held at OLR on the day. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Vinnies 3 day Book and Plant Sale

The annual St Vincent de Paul fundraising event will be held at the Kawana Catholic Community Centre, Nanyima Street, Buddina (opposite the Kawana Library) on **Friday 8th & Saturday 9th October from 8am-3pm** and on **Sunday 10th October from 9am-1pm**. There will be fiction, non-fiction and children's books galore, many by popular authors, as well as DVDs, CDs, jigsaw puzzles and much more. For those wanting to start up a new garden or freshen up an existing one, we have many beautiful indoor and garden plants such as, agapanthus, clivias and succulents ready to brighten up your home. ALL proceeds go to assisting the St Vincent de Paul Society in continuing to support and give a hand up to those going through difficult times due to homelessness, domestic violence, unemployment, as well as those affected by COVID in our local community. All our Vinnies volunteers look forward to welcoming you. So come and grab yourself a bargain at a sale that promises to be bigger and better than ever. For more information call Maria on 5478 2954



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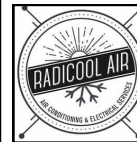
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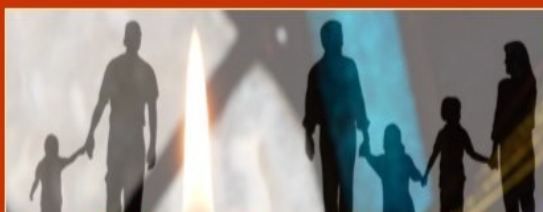
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