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Greetings to All,

This Sunday, our gospel reading is the beginning of the chapter ten of the Gospel of Mark. We will walk with Jesus in the next four Sundays through this chapter which is the last journey of Jesus takes with his disciples to Jerusalem. Through this final journey, Jesus is taking the opportunity to teach his disciples some hard lessons. The gospel passage of this Sunday is a first of those lessons. We hear an interesting encounter between the Pharisees and Jesus. They come to Jesus and ask "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" Mark indicates clearly to us the intention of the Pharisees is not to honestly seek Jesus' insight into this matter, but rather to test him. They want to catch Jesus saying something they can use against him.

However, Jesus did not blink. In spite of the intention of the Pharisees, Jesus gives us a profound teaching on the most important friendship **that is the union of a man and a woman in marriage**. This relationship is the most concrete sign of God's love. It is the model of our relationship with God.

It is very interesting to notice that often in the gospels Jesus is presented as taking a much more relaxed attitude to the Jewish Law than the religious leaders of his time. For instant, Jesus is much less strict about the Sabbath Law; Jesus heals on the Sabbath, He allows his disciples to pick corn on the Sabbath ...which would have been a violation of the Sabbath Law.

When it comes to marriage and divorce, however, Jesus seems to have taken a stricter position than the religious leaders of the day. The Pharisees understand, from the Book of Deuteronomy, that a man could divorce his wife, although a woman could not divorce her husband. This was the interpretation of the Law at the time; it left women very vulnerable in that society. Jesus, however, goes beyond the Book of Deuteronomy to the Book of Genesis and quotes **God's original plan, that a man and a woman who become one flesh in marriage should not go their separate ways**. His vision of marriage was of a faithful relationship which reflected God's faithful relationship with his people. This relationship is so sacred and unifying that no human being can separate what God has brought together.

In reality, we are all fall short of the glory of God. As a result, some relationships for many different reasons, do not last. When this happens, people have to manage their lives and find love as best they can. We can certainly never judge. **Yet, in faithfulness to the teaching of Jesus, the Church holds up the model of marriage that come through the pages of scripture and the vision of two lives becoming one in a self-giving love.**

This teaching of Jesus is not only applicable to marriage couples, but to all of us. God designed us to live together, and He designed us to love one another. But all of us are sometimes deficient or slack in our relationships with other people. We eventually and inevitably will put ourselves first in some ways in our relationships with other people. This is something that leads to divorce, this is also something that leads to sibling rivalry and broken friendships.

This is the human predicament of our sins. This problem can't be fixed just by disciplining ourselves. We need to be rescued. We need to be forgiven. We need to be restored. This is why Jesus comes. He comes to give us life in him where we learn how to love God and others more than we love ourselves. He comes so that we can live together with him in the Kingdom of God where we all share the same love with God and with one another.

Blessings,
Fr Dang

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
WEEKEND OF 2ND/3RD OCTOBER 2021

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Gen 2:18-24 Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11 Gospel: Mk 10:2-16



During this coming week the long awaited First General Assembly of the Plenary Council will take place. Covid has thrown the timetable out and the originators have had to adapt to the changing restrictions relying on technology to keep the process on track. For our Archdiocese, the 8am opening and 10am closing Mass from the Cathedral of St Stephen will be live streamed as well as parts of the opening session each day. You can access the live streaming via the Cathedral of St Stephen web page: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au> *May the Holy Spirit inspire us and lead us.*

THANKS FOR THE EXPERIENCE

Last week, a group of 16 – including seven students from Unity College – had the incredible opportunity to attend Ignite Conference 2021: Unleash. We spent four days together in a mountaintop experience that we'll never forget. During the conference, we had the opportunity to worship in a new way (Fr Josh even joined us in the mosh pit!!); we heard inspiring messages from a range of speakers, and we met a whole bunch of new friends from all over the place. Each member of our group had their own, unique experience of Encounter with the Lord in a truly tangible way!

We truly appreciate all of your financial support, and your prayers. If it weren't for each and every one of you, we wouldn't have had the opportunity for this remarkable experience. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Maz from Unity College for organising the logistics of our trip, and to John & Cath Maddy for volunteering their time to drive the bus and for joining us on our journey.

Kath Ball – OLR Young Adults coordinator.



NET UPDATE

This week was a big one for us the NET team and the young adults of the parish. The event that we've been preparing for throughout the year finally happened, Ignite Conference! And it was worth the wait. The Lord did amazing things over the 4 days, there's nothing like seeing over 800 people most of them being high school students being so on fire for their faith.

Those who attended were given the opportunity to dive deeper into gaining a personal relationship with Jesus and us the NET team felt that the conference unleashed a newly found zeal for what the rest of our year has to offer. We've been reminded that our God is a God of miracles and nothing is too big for Him including those 800 students having a personal experience of Him. So we want to invite you into seeing God that way this week. Bringing Him into the impossible things because there is nothing that our God can't do.

In Transition

We pray for **Jean Bromley** whose funeral will be held this Friday Oct 8th at OLR & **Mario Fais** whose funeral will be held this Thursday Oct 7th at OLR. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

IT'S ON THIS WEEK!



The annual Kawana 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.



BRISBANE ARCHBISHOP BACKS ULURU STATEMENT AND AN INDIGENOUS VOICE IN THE CONSTITUTION.

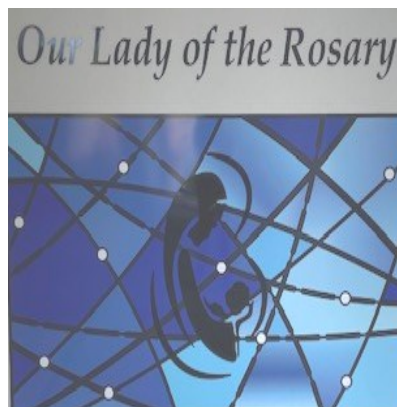
Archbishop Mark Coleridge has publicly endorsed the Uluru Statement From the Heart – an historic commitment by the Catholic Church to back Indigenous leaders from across Australia demanding a constitutional voice.



Read the full article from *The Catholic Leader* on the Website: <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/latest-parish-news/>

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEAST DAY

This Thursday, October 7th, is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For several years it was also known by the title of "Our Lady of Victory." The feast day takes place in honour of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.



Our Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary was placed under the protection of Our Lady of the Rosary when the Parish was founded in 1972.

This Thursday at the 9am Mass everyone is invited to join Our lady of the Rosary school community as we celebrate our feast day.

We welcome all school families and visitors enjoying this last weekend before the resumption of school next week – we hope that you enjoy your time in our community. As the final term starts and we look forward to the daily traffic congestion in the morning and at the 3pm pickup, we pray that all our students and teachers embrace the opportunities of these final months of the school year and experience acceptance, accomplishment and the joy of learning in the weeks ahead.

Parish Diary

Monday 4 Oct

St Francis of Assisi

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 5 Oct

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 6 Oct

No School Liturgy

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 7 Oct

Our Lady of the Rosary

Parish Feast Day

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

12pm (OLR) Funeral Mass for
Mario Fais

Friday 8 Oct

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 9 Oct

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 10 Oct

28th Sunday in Ordinary time

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 7am

Mass (Unity) 8am

Mass (Kawana) 8am

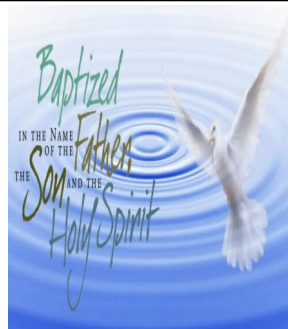
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am (livestreamed)

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Family Mass (Unity) 5pm



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 7th October**, 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 caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 3 Oct: 27th Sunday in Ordinary time

- ◆ 8am Plenary Council Opening Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral will be livestreamed.
- ◆ Maleny - morning tea in the Pat Daley Centre after Mass; Covid-safe regulations will apply.
- ◆ Please join us for a cuppa after the 8am Unity Mass, bring a plate to share.
- ◆ Please stay and join us for a cuppa after the OLR 9.30am Mass.
- ◆ Grand Final - Will Benny's Bunnies beat the Panthers?

Monday 4 Oct:

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.
- ◆ No OLR craft group today due to the public holiday.

Tuesday 5 Oct:

- ◆ 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 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 AGM in the Pat Daley Centre with morning tea at 9.30am with the meeting to commence at 10am.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Bible Study Group will be held tonight in the Parish Centre from 7pm-8.30pm. If you are interested, please call Caroline on 0435 828 092.

Thursday 7 Oct:

- ◆ Baptism Prep meeting 7pm in the OLR church
- ◆ Kawana Men's sharing group 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.
- ◆ Our Lady of Good Counsel St Vincent de Paul conference meet at 9.30am in the Parish Centre. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter on 5492 4402.

Friday 8 Oct:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Ladies Lunch will be held at Thai Lime Twist, 24 Minchinton St Caloundra on Friday 15th October at 12noon. Please contact Deborah on 0410531901 by Monday 11th October if you would like to attend.

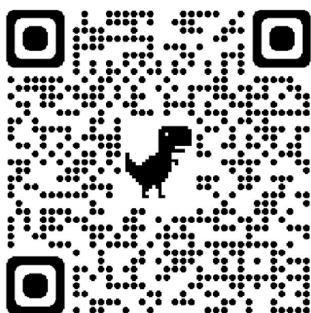
Saturday 9 Oct:

- ◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.

Sunday 10 Oct: 28th Sunday in Ordinary time

- ◆ 10am—Plenary Council Closing Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral will be livestreamed.

As a parish family we are grateful for everyone's financial support. You are welcome to support the parish this weekend by using the **Parish QR Code** that will enable you to make a direct debit donation. However you support the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Community, *a grateful Parish says thank you.*



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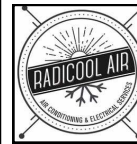
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