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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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One of the great population movements of history took place in the 19th century when, largely motivated by gold and the prospect of cheap land, thousands of Americans made the journey westwards from the East Coast of the United States into the unknown. There has been no shortage of Hollywood movies capturing the wagon trains and stagecoaches as they ventured across the vast unmapped plains.

Now, if you did travel by stagecoach there were three different categories of ticket – first, second and third class.

As always, the class of travel made all the difference. If you bought a first-class ticket, you retained the right to remain seated during the entire trip regardless of what happened. So, if the stagecoach got stuck in the mud, or if a wheel fell off or an axle broke, you could remain in your seat while the problem was fixed.

If you held a second-class ticket, when a problem developed you were simply required to get up and get off the coach until the problem was resolved.

But if you had a third-class ticket, you were required not only to get off the coach but to help fix the problem. The third class passenger had to push and pull a stuck wagon, help repair broken axles and wheels, even tend to the horses. A third class ticket might be cheap but you were the lowest of the low!

Because of Covid it has been a long time since most of us have been to an airport, but nothing has really changed – we all know what an upgrade is and we all secretly dream of getting that upgrade! But, in striving for the upgrade we often forget that if we take seriously being a Christian, then we are all called to be third class passengers! Each one of us is required to get our hands dirty to make it work!

In today's Gospel we hear about the two sons of Zebedee – James and John, who ask for places of honour and influence when Jesus begins his reign. *Basically they want the upgrade!* They don't want to get their hands dirty or take any responsibility for anyone else. And, in making their request they demonstrate that somehow they have missed what Jesus has been on about!

In response Jesus gives them a lesson on power and how authority should be experienced among those who follow him – and those who choose to be his disciples today. *Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.* Service, unglamorous, mundane, unexciting service seems to be at the heart of Jesus' lesson on ambition, authority and power.

Perhaps this weekend we are given a timely reminder to re-examine our relationships and how we interact with our colleagues, friends and those we love the most. **We can't be selective so it does require honesty to look at our motivations and identify who we treat with contempt and dismiss as lacking value.** Like the third class passenger, we are required to get our hands dirty. If all we are doing is looking for the upgrade then, like James and John in today's Gospel, we've missed the point!

Wishing you and yours every blessing for the coming week

Fr Peter Brannelly

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B
WEEKEND OF 16TH /17TH OCTOBER 2021

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Is 53:10-11 Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16 Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

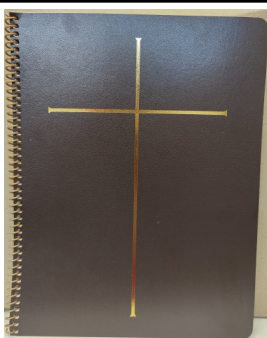


In the early hours of Friday morning, Fr John Dwyer's earthly journey gently ended. John Justin Peter Dwyer was born on the 7th of October, 1935 the second child of Tom and Kathleen Dwyer and grew up in the sleepy coastal village of Caloundra. Des Dwyer, who later became Mayor of Caloundra, was his older brother. John started his schooling at Caloundra State School before going on to complete his education at Marist Brothers, Ashgrove. John decided to become a lay missionary in Papua New Guinea and after several years working there decided to begin his training for the priesthood, entering St Paul's Seminary, Kensington. Fr John Dwyer was ordained in his home parish of Caloundra by Archbishop Rush in 1973.

As a missionary priest, Fr John returned to the Diocese of Wewak, Papua New Guinea where he was entrusted with several important ministries. Fr John was fully involved in the life of the Church in New Guinea and his first love was always the people of Wewak who he ministered to.

At the invitation of Fr John Dobson, Fr Dwyer returned to the Archdiocese and worked in our Caloundra Parish from 1997 until 2012 when he went into semi-retirement, moving into Southern Cross Care at Little Mountain.

The Funeral Mass for Fr John Dwyer will be celebrated this Friday, October 22nd at 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary church, Caloundra. May Fr John Dwyer's soul and the souls of all our faithfully departed Priests, Religious and Parishioners, through the rich mercy of God, Rest in Peace.



The start of November is only two weeks away. The two great feasts of the church, All Saints and All Souls, fall on Monday, November 1st (All Saints) and November 2nd (All Souls).

This weekend at all our Parish churches you will notice our **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** and you are invited to take a moment to record the names of your loved ones who have gone before you marked by the sign of faith. November is traditionally the

month that we remember and pray for the dead and our **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** will be placed in the sanctuary and will be the focus of our prayers during this month.



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Next weekend Catholic Mission will invite you to partner with Sister Chalaad and the Good Shepherd Sisters in

Thailand as they reach out to vulnerable mothers, like Churai*, and their babies, who would have nowhere to turn when they need support, love and kindness the most.

Next week you will have the opportunity to respond by supporting children and communities in need around the world. Please come with an open and generous heart.

*Name and images altered to protect identity.



LAUNCH OF ONLINE PLATFORM FOR THOSE ENQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Catholic Christianity is an online initiative aimed at reaching those who might be enquiring about the Catholic faith. This project features a weekly podcast and video presentation that systematically walks listeners on a journey toward faith, addressing everything from how do we know there is a God, to why the Church's moral teachings can actually be life-giving and compelling when properly understood. Join Deacon Peter Pellican PhD on a journey through the teachings of the Catholic Church, explained in a way that is inspiring, challenging, and easy to understand. Episodes will be released weekly. Over the first season, the following topics will be covered:

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- ☐ Natural Revelation: Does God exist? (part 2) ☐ Special Revelation: Can we trust the Bible?
- ☐ Special Revelation: What's the overarching story of the bible? ☐ Did Jesus really rise from the dead?
- ☐ If God is powerful and loving, why is there so much suffering? ☐ Why Christianity? What about other religions?

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PLENARY COUNCIL—WHAT WAS THE FEELING COMING OUT OF THE FIRST ASSEMBLY?

The Plenary Council First Assembly was held between October 3-10. Brisbane Archdiocese was one of the rare places where assembling as a group was possible, albeit with numerous COVID19 practices in place.

The following video links provide a snapshot and some of the testimony and feelings of the local members of the Plenary Council as the week progressed.

Opening Mass Highlights: <https://youtu.be/JGwVnP9EzTQ>

Half Way through the Journey: <https://youtu.be/WewCQI2oeA4>

Looking towards the 2nd Assembly: <https://youtu.be/WDRvPkOdmcc>

In Transition

As a Parish family we welcome **Angus Payne, Ruby Capps, , Kye Haidley, Paxton Ciseau & Nathaniel Lawson** who will be baptised at OLR and Landsborough this weekend.

We pray for **Alison Herlihy** who died last week and her funeral was held on Friday. We also pray for **Fr John Dwyer** who died on Friday and his funeral will be at OLR church this Friday 22nd October at 11am. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

Parish Diary

Monday 18 Oct

St Luke

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 19 Oct

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 20 Oct

School Liturgy 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 21 Oct

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Unity) 8.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 22 Oct

St John Paul II, pope

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 23 Oct

St John of Capistrano, Priest

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 24 Oct

30th 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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 17 Oct: *28th Sunday in Ordinary time*

◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

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

Monday 18 Oct:

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

◆ The Prayer for Priests prayer group meets after the 9am morning Mass—all welcome.

◆ The OLR craft group meet every Monday 9am-12noon in the Parish 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 Parish Centre. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714.

Tuesday 19 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 Pastoral 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.

◆ Bible Study Group is held every Tuesday night at Caroline Kettle's place from 7-8.30pm. If you are interested and want details, please call Caroline on 0435 828 092.

Wednesday 20 Oct:

◆ Bible Study Group is held every Wednesday morning at Caroline Kettle's place from 9-10.30am. If you are interested and want details, please call Caroline on 0435 828 092.

Friday 22 Oct:

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

◆ Funeral for Fr John Dwyer - 11am OLR church

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

Saturday 23 Oct:

◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.

Sunday 24 Oct: *30th Sunday in Ordinary time*

◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

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

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

Volunteers needed

Every week one of the most important ministries of our Parish Family takes place at Maleny and Caloundra.

The Children's liturgy (Kids Club) that is successfully operating at the 9am Maleny and 9:30am Caloundra

Masses, provides a vibrant and enjoyable place for younger members of our Parish Family to explore and deepen their faith. We need you to help us continue and expand this vital ministry. Would you consider joining a team?

How about asking a friend to join you and going on the roster? You are always part of a team and the programme is coordinated and all the resources are provided. If you would like to find out more information or if you have any questions please email Dale Rolls dale.rolls@gmail.com Thanks for your support.

NET UPDATE

This week our team has run several retreats days with unity college students, we prepared retreats for year 9 students last week, running a women's session on Wednesday and a men's session on Thursday. We also ran two year 7 retreats on Monday and Tuesday this week. These are big events for our team, and one of the main points of contact with being able to share our encounters with Jesus with the young people at school. It is a privilege to be able to provide these students with an opportunity to encounter God through prayer time and we often see a lot of fruit coming from these retreats, with students hearing about and experiencing God's love. It has been a reminder for us over this last week, to not forget what God can and will do to work in the hearts of young people, and for us not to limit what we think he can or cannot do. God bless.

Have a great week, the NET team.



As we conclude the First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the process of discernment continues. From the opening Mass to the closing of the Assembly, our prayer has been 'Come, Holy Spirit.' The call to hear afresh the Good News of Jesus Christ through a spiritual posture of 'deep listening' has been a central element of the preparation of the Plenary process and a distinctive feature of this week. We adopted a regular pattern of prayer and spiritual conversation throughout each day. This slow process of deep listening allowed space for still nascent dreams and visions to come to greater maturity.

The opening session each day began with a Welcome to Country, spoken from various regions of Australia. Indigenous voices, both young and old, paid respects to Elders past, present and emerging, welcomed the Members of the Plenary Council to the day's gathering, and invited all of us to a time of quiet and prayer. As Members offered their reflections day by day, they regularly acknowledged the Indigenous peoples of the land from which they were speaking.

Over three hundred participants gathered for six days, meeting virtually across five different time zones, with many more people following the opening session of each day online. The gift of listening to one another has planted promising seeds and raised important questions for us. Many described the small group conversations and reports as the heartbeat of this First Assembly. Our process of discernment requires time and space for mature reflections to emerge, and further spiritual conversations will be necessary in our considerations of what God is asking of us in Australia at this time.

As the many personal interventions demonstrated, there is no shortage of passion and charisms among the community of believers. These interventions covered a wide range of the complex realities of the Church and Australian society in this particular moment of our history. They expressed personal wisdom and aspirations that have been a gift to this Assembly's deliberations. Many elements of the Council's Agenda were carefully considered. Discussion of other issues, including some not formally on the Agenda, was initiated, and will require more time.

As participants in this Assembly, we have experienced and expressed the range of emotions that come with facing profound issues together, holding in tension diverse interpretations and expectations. Through prayer and reflection, we have been called to be patient with the process, with each other, with the Church and, most importantly, with the Holy Spirit.

We listened to the confronting and important voices of victims and survivors of abuse in the Church. They reminded us of the great wounds and failures of the Church and the continuing need to discern pathways of true healing and renewal.

The plain speaking of First Nations people has brought into even sharper focus the need for reconciliation with Indigenous communities, as well as the need for justice and for the healing of this land itself through an 'integral ecology'.

In responding to the Agenda questions, we considered ways of living as Church today. Many affirmed what they value about their Catholic faith: spirituality, community, prayer, liturgy and sacramental life, and service through the vocation of all the baptised. Members spoke of the ministries of pastoral care and education, health and aged care, and the many social services and advocacy the Church provides in the Australian community. These are great gifts to a world that is seeking meaning and more authentic living.

Other interventions expressed hopes for renewal, offering perspectives on what might be possible for a Church facing crucial questions, tensions and uncertainties. Many called our attention to the importance of enhancing the role of women in the Church. We heard the call to conversion and fidelity, as well as to imagination and renewal. We were reminded of the needs of rural dioceses and parishes, as well as those of large cities. We celebrated the gifts that the Eastern Churches bring to the Catholic community in Australia.

Often expressed through the lens of personal experience, the discernment of this Assembly has threaded together conversations about what the Church can offer today's world on the one hand, and how the world can inform the ways and structures of the Church on the other. We reflected on questions of leadership and governance in light of Pope Francis' call for us to be more synodal.

The missionary vision of Pope Francis has both inspired and infused all the deliberations of this First Assembly. Missionary discipleship has been a key theme, as has the call to go out to the margins. Another recurring theme, expressed in different ways, is the need for ongoing processes of ecclesial listening which can form and inform how the Church lives its mission today.

The Assembly also considered how all people might feel at home in our communities, regardless of their particular circumstances. Various voices drew our attention to young people, women, single people, parents and families, people with disabilities, people with diverse experience of sexuality and gender, and others who feel, for a variety of reasons, that there is no place for them. We asked how a missionary Church might connect with those who feel distant from the community of faith.

Each of these voices has been a powerful reminder that the Church, as a sign of the kingdom of God, has the vocation of being an image of Christ and an icon of grace to the whole human family. With the closing of this First Assembly, the Plenary Council process now enters a time of prayer, reflection, maturation and development. This will involve continuing reflection by the Members of the Council, and consultation with the wider Church community, as we develop propositions for presentation to the Second Assembly of the Council next July. This will be coordinated with Australian preparations for the 2023 Synod, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission*. In faith, hope and charity, we entrust all these tasks to the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Our prayer remains, as always: 'Come, Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land.'

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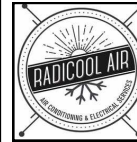
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