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Grounding the Liturgical New Year in Prayer

This weekend, as it happens on the first Sunday of Advent every year, we commence a new liturgical year. Our New Year brings with it a focus on Luke's Gospel during our Sunday celebrations and perhaps more specifically, the intimate connection between prayer and the Holy Spirit – both of which are major themes/motifs in the third Gospel. Luke portrays Jesus at prayer before every important event in his life: his baptism (3:21), in choosing his twelve apostles (6:12), before Peter's profession of faith (9:18), before he is Transfigured (9:28), before teaching the Our Father, and perhaps most poignantly, in the Garden of Gethsemane prior to his arrest, trial and crucifixion (22:41). Prayer was undoubtedly the most important aspect of Jesus' relationship with God the Father while he walked this earth. Luke's Gospel in this next liturgical year, therefore, gives us a wonderful blueprint for our own lives.

While much ink has been spilt by as many theologians and learned people over the centuries about prayer, it is still nothing more and nothing less than a mutually enriching, balanced conversation between two hearts: God's and ours. Half of prayer, therefore, concerns our capacity to listen to God, who speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. I often encourage primary school students when we gather for prayer to listen to the readings not just with their real ears, but with the ears of their hearts. It's an interior journey that each of us must take in order to discover the personal relationship that God desires with each and every person; this takes listening to the Holy Spirit – to the different thoughts and feeling which are *given* to us in prayer. Often, it's the "*aha*" moments when something touches our heart or grabs our attention in which the Holy Spirit reaches out.

Luke refers to the Holy Spirit in his Gospel more than the other Gospels – no less than thirteen times in fact – in order to demonstrate *her* immanent presence and desire for relationship in our lives (just as an aside, we have no accurate personal pronouns in the English language to describe God/the Holy Spirit since *s/he* is neither male, nor female, but still people).

Prayer, through listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us, is *that one thing* that, if we all took stock of where we are at, in our relationships with God, and committed to deepening that relationship through investment of time, would give us the answers we seek as well as change us, our community and the world. *Will this happen/can it happen/does it happen on its own?* We certainly don't discount the action of God's grace in our lives – that free, unmerited gift of God – but throughout the entire Bible, God is portrayed as one in *dialogue* with humanity. God doesn't act unilaterally, but in, through and with us – his most precious creation.

Friends, a New Year is traditionally about new beginnings; taking the opportunity to leave behind the old self and put on the new self (Eph 4:22-24). We're probably used to thinking this way about the calendar New Year but the Liturgical New Year offers the same opportunity for our spiritual lives. What spiritual practice is God inviting you to take up? Spending ten minutes in prayer every morning is a great place to start, as is reading the Bible – maybe reading Luke's Gospel during the season of Advent? No matter what you do, know that God and the heavenly host rejoices in the effort we make to invest in our faith lives. May prayer and the Holy Spirit be the foundation of all we think, say and do in this New Year.

May God bless you and your family as together with Mary and Joseph, we prepare to celebrate the arrival of our Saviour.

Fr Josh



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 27/28 NOVEMBER 2021

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16 **Second Reading:** 1Thess 3:12-4:2 **Gospel:** Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

One of our parishioners is serving with NET Ministries in 2022

Hi, my name is Verity, I'm 19 and one of the young adults in this parish. With Fr Peter's support I am serving with NET ministries in 2022 and am raising money to help cover expenses. My goal is \$6400 which may sound like a lot but I will return with new ministry skills to give back to this community. This year I have helped out leading Kids Club at Sunday Mass and youth groups on Friday and Sunday evenings. I've also been working as a shift supervisor at KFC and I've been studying a dual degree in Nursing and Paramedicine at ACU. I am planning on putting some of my own money into the year ahead and am humbly asking for your financial support in this too. If you are in a position to financially support me, you can copy/ click on the link below that will lead you to a secure sponsorship page. Thank you in advance and God bless, Verity. <http://www.netministries.com.au/sponsorship>



Proposed Building Work

Beginning on Monday December 6 there will be some disruption to the entry of the OLR church, from the north entry stairs and ramp. The covered link between the church and Parish Centre will be cornered off to allow demolition of the covered walkway to commence. Repairs to the north church entry, disabled ramp and walk way, which has two damaged posts and their connecting beam, will be replaced with new timbers.

Shortly after this work is completed it is proposed to have the concrete paved area from the car park to just before the now demolished covered link, replaced by a new concrete slab. This will also mean that this area will be cornered off with safety fencing. Entry to the church will be via the front doors for approximately 5 to 8 working days. Please note the ramp will not be available at this time, we apologise for the inconvenience. It is hoped that both these projects will be completed before Christmas.

A Special Invitation

In the month of December, we are often so busy and stressed with final events for the year – not to mention preparations for Christmas! Our parish is offering a special evening of quiet prayer in the style of Taizé. Short mantra-like songs create a relaxing feeling that refreshes us in body, mind and spirit. Through gentle repetition, the meaning of the words gradually penetrates our whole being.

In song and silence we listen more deeply. These simple chants allow us to **wait attentively** on God. Such prayer is very much in the spirit of the Advent Scriptures.

Come and relax in this beautiful prayer at OLR on Tuesday 7th December at 7pm OR at Sacred Heart Church, Maleny on Tuesday 7th December at 7pm

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Next weekend is the annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Sadly, there really is "no room at the inn" for many of our local companions in the Caloundra Parish communities. With your kind donations we can provide assistance in two ways. Firstly, with emergency support, including accommodation and secondly with some Christmas cheer in the form of gift cards and hampers. The OLR conference will only be supplying gift cards while OLCG will do a combination. Please note there will be **no collection** of groceries or gifts at the OLR church. These can be dropped off at the shop on Mayes Ave. Envelopes will be provided on the pews next week at all Masses. Thank you for your ongoing support.

RCIA

As volunteers on the team of RCIA Ministry, we are honoured to share about this ministry.

RCIA stands for Right of Christian Initiation for Adults and is a Ministry that shares the faith with those who seek to join our Church – becoming Catholic through Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. This is a ministry that gives team members the joy of sharing their own faith experience with others: people who may be unchurched or come from another Christian Denomination. Our aim is to help people develop a deeper relationship with the Risen Christ and give them a taste of our Catholic values and ethos. Even though the name of our Ministry includes the word Adults, it is not exclusively for Adults; we have the flexibility of tailoring programs suitable to younger participants over 14 years old when and if needed. We were excited to welcome Bishop Brian Heenan to celebrate the initiation of our current group of candidates last weekend on the Feast of Christ the King. It is a privilege to serve the community in this Ministry and we thank you for the opportunity.

Marie Pucko and Sharnie Gregory (second and third from left)



Christmas Eve, Friday December 24



Our Lady of the Rosary School, Caloundra (Undercover area) (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm

Caloundra West, Unity College (Carols at 4.50pm) 5pm

Mary McKillop, Beerwah 5pm

Sacred Heart, Maleny (Carols at 6.30pm) 7pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 6.50pm) 7pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 9.50pm) 10pm

Christmas Day Saturday December 25



Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra 6.30am 9.30am

Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough 7.00am

Good Shepherd, Kawana 8.00am

Bl Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi 9.15am

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain 10.30am

Boxing Day, Sunday December 26



OLR, Caloundra 6.30am 9.30am

OLW, Landsborough 7.00am

Good Shepherd, Kawana 8.00am

Unity College 8.00am

Sacred Heart, Maleny 9.00am

Currimundi 9.15am

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain 10.30am

Unity College 5.00pm

Parish Diary

Monday 29 Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 30 Nov

St Andrew

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 1 Dec

School Liturgy 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) No Mass

Thursday 2 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) No Mass

Friday 3 Dec

St Francis Xavier

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

End of Year School Mass (OLR)
10.45am

Saturday 4 Dec

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 5 Dec

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Advent Gospel Reflection

This weekend, do something special this Advent to prepare for Christmas by joining us at 10.15am for a Gospel Reflection following 9am Mass and cuppa in the Pat Daley Centre. We will finish by 11.15am
All welcome.

More information - Judy Berlak
54786271 or Sharnie Georgey
041898418

A Vocation View

Make your decision to follow Jesus during THIS Advent Season. Delaying until "one" of these days is "none" of these days. Follow now!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 28 Nov: *First Sunday of Advent*

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass (last one for the year).
- ◆ Maleny Advent Reflection Group meet in Pat Daley Centre at 10.15am after Mass.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies lunch, final day to book.

Monday 29 Nov:

- ◆ 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.

Tuesday 30 Nov:

- ◆ 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, please call Caroline on 0435 828 092.

Wednesday 1 Dec:

- ◆ Bible Study Group is held every Wednesday morning at Caroline Kettle's place from 9-10.30am. Please call Caroline on 0435 828 092.
- ◆ Combined Kawana & OLR men's groups meeting 10-11:30am at the Parish Centre. Our topic is 'Clarification of Our Vision & Mission'. This is our last meeting for the Year. **OLR men's group** resumes on Wednesday 12 January '22 and continues on 2nd & 4th Wed of each month. **Kawana** men's group resumes on Thursday 27 January '22, 10-11:30am at GSC and continues on 1st & 4th Thurs. of each month.
- ◆ Parish Finance Meeting at 4pm. Parish Evangelisation Council meeting 5pm.

Thursday 2 Dec:

- ◆ Baptism preparation 7-8pm in the OLR Church

Friday 3 Dec:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Maleny SVDP meeting will be held at 9am in the church flat.

Saturday 4 Dec:

- ◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.
- ◆ Wine & Cheese after the 5pm OLR Mass, all welcome.

Sunday 5 Dec: *Second Sunday of Advent*

- ◆ Opening of Maleny Sacred Heart time capsule and morning tea in Pat Daley Centre after Mass.
- ◆ 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.

Baptismal Preparation

The monthly Baptismal Preparation session is on Thursday, 2 December at Our Lady of the Rosary church beginning at 7pm. At this meeting we not only look at the implications of being baptised and the significance of the symbols during the celebration of the sacrament but it is also our chance to answer any question or concerns. Further details about the session are available by emailing the Parish Office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome *Nathan Gomes* who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for **Kevin Brandon** who died last week, **Joan Kunkel** who died last week and her funeral was on Wednesday. We also pray for **Susan Jacob** who died last week and her funeral will be at Maleny on Monday. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

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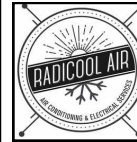


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