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Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish

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THE SERMON ON THE PLAIN

"We glory in tribulations also knowing that tribulation produces patience, and patience experience, and experience hope: and hope maketh not ashamed," (Romans 5:3-5.)

The Sermon on the Plain and its corresponding passage - the Sermon on the Mount - in Matthew 5:1-12, has been called 'The Christian Manifesto' as it sets out the values and ideals of the Christian Life in the Kingdom. It is a pledge to be detached from all that is not of God and that one's life be guided by what is conducive to the service of God or, to put it another way, by what is conducive to the end for which we were created.

Now let us see, in the first place, why Christ spoke to his disciples about *true happiness*. We know that not only the great body of the people, but even the learned themselves, hold this error, that he is the happy man who is free from annoyance, attains all his wishes, and leads a joyful and easy life. At least it is the general opinion, that happiness ought to be estimated from the present state. Christ, therefore, in order to accustom his own people to bear the cross, exposes this mistaken opinion, that those are happy who lead an easy and prosperous life according to the flesh. For it is impossible that men should mildly bend the neck to bear calamities and reproaches, so long as they think that patience is at variance with a happy life. The only consolation which mitigates and even sweetens the bitterness of the cross and of all afflictions, is the conviction, that we are happy in the midst of miseries: for our patience is *blessed* by the Lord, and will soon be followed by a happy result.

This doctrine, I do acknowledge, is widely removed from the common opinion: but the Disciples of Christ must learn the philosophy of placing their happiness beyond the world, and above the affections of the flesh. Though carnal reason will never admit what is here taught by Christ, yet he does not bring forward anything imaginary, in ancient times, to amuse themselves with their paradoxes,—but demonstrates from the fact, that those persons are truly happy, whose condition is supposed to be miserable. Let us, therefore remember, that the leading object of the discourse is to show, that those are not unhappy who are oppressed by the reproaches of the wicked, and subject to various calamities. And not only does Christ prove that they are in the wrong, who measure the happiness of man by the present state, because the distresses of the godly will soon be changed for the better; but he also exhorts his own people to patience, by holding out the hope of a reward.

Four contrasts are referred to in these few scripture verses – poverty/riches; hunger/fullness; sorrow/laughter; and defamation/commendation. Jesus upturns the values we would normally consider desirable. He asks us to realise that we are not living simply to be happy in this life but we should ask ourselves the deeper value of our ways of life in the light of what we can bring with us to eternal life. The Christian view of life is that we should never forget that things cannot be brought with us into eternal life. Rather, we only take with us the things we have given away.

The kingdom of God is mysterious, because it is God's project working out silently in human history. But from this text we know some of those who will be in it. The poor and the hungry will be there. So will those who weep, and also the dominated, the persecuted, the outcasts of the earth. What an extraordinary group! Those who are at the bottom of the human pyramid will be rejoicing and leaping for joy at God's goodness to them.

God bless you, Fr. Ejikeme

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 12/13 FEBRUARY 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Jr 17:5-8 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20-26

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

The Women's Retreat Day is on this Tuesday, February 15th at Our Lady of the Rosary. The theme of the retreat day is Walking with God and the guest speakers who will lead our reflection will be Lisa McKerr and Chantale Wilson from Evangelization Brisbane. The day begins with Mass at 9am, morning tea and lunch provided. For more information or if you would like to attend please contact Vivienne on 0409897673 or Julie on 0431941271. Numbers are filling up fast.



What would you say to Pope Francis if you had ten minutes to chat with him?

This question reflects the theme of listening which is at the heart of Synod 2021-2023. The Australian Catholic Bishops have reminded us that we have only till 27th February to respond to the unprecedented invitation of Pope Francis asking us to be a Synodal Church walking together exploring the kind of Church we want to shape for the future. The bishops' media release is on the Parish Website together with details of a

webinar on 16th February 6.30 pm -7.30 pm (Qld time) that will assist us in understanding synodality. Both documents on the Parish website contain links to more information or go to websites http://www.bit.ly/synod2023 and http://www.acccr.com.au

to register by this Monday 14th February.

PARENTS

If you child is baptised and in grade 4 or above then they are eligible to be part of our Parish sacramental programme to receive their First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. However, the programme starts this Wednesday evening, February 16, with the information evening beginning at 5pm. If you have not already enrolled your child please contact the parish office by Tuesday. Please mark in your diary the programme dates:

Information Evening

2 Rite of Enrolment Masses

5pm, Wednesday 16th February, 5pm Saturday 19th Feb and 9.30am, Sunday 20th Feb Wednesday 23rd Feb Wednesday 2nd March Lesson 1: Class on Holy Communion Lesson 2: Class on Holy Communion Wednesday 9th March Lesson 3: Class on Reconciliation

5-7pm, Wednesday 16th March (First Rite Confession, 3 groups) **First Reconciliation Celebrations**

Fourth Week: Rehearsal and recap on HC Wednesday 23rd March

5pm Saturday 26th March and 9.30am, Sunday 27th March 2 First Holy Communion Masses

> If you have any questions please contact one of the Parish Sacramental Team: Fr Ejikeme, Kelli Phillips, Donna Gordon, Justine Ashworth

LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAM 2022

Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent is only $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks away! Soon we will be ordering booklets of Daily Reflections for Lent from the Brisbane Archdiocese and we are looking for expressions of interest to get involved. We will need to order the resources and to form groups. The Lenten Discussion groups have always been a rewarding faith experience for all involved. If you would like to form a group please let us know. If you are interested in being part of a group likewise please contact the parish office 5430 9390 or caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



The Episcopal Ordination of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on Tuesday 22 February at 10.30am.

Attendance is via ticketed seating only. A limited number of places will be available for online bookings from Tuesday 15th February to Friday 18th February, unless booked out sooner. The link to Eventbrite will be made available on Tuesday 15th on the Cathedral website https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/

Please do not call the Cathedral office to register – tickets will only be available through Eventbrite and will not be available before Tuesday 15 February.

If you are unable to attend you will be able to livestream the Ordination via this link https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/

Please keep Bishop-elect Tim in your prayers as he prepares for his future ministry amongst us.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2022

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome everyone to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. WDP has the motto: Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.

The service this year has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with the theme "I know the plans I have for you".

Location: - Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Edmund Street, Caloundra Date: - Friday 4 March Time: - 9:30 Morning Tea, 10:00 Service.

Everyone is welcome to attend as we join with members of six other churches in praying for peace and justice in our world.

Safeguarding News

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 13 Feb:

- ♦ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.
- ♦ Everyone is welcome to stay after 5pm Mass tonight at Unity to officially welcome Fr Ejikeme and Felicity Jones, our new Youth Minister. Please take time to get to know them and somebody else from our growing community at Unity.

Monday 14 Feb:

- ♦ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday All welcome.
- ♦ Alpha each Monday 10-12noon OLR Parish centre rooms till 4th April.
- ♦ Craft Group every Monday in the Pastoral Centre 9-12noon.

Tuesday 15 Feb:

- ◆ 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.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the ADE (meeting room behind the church). We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.

Wednesday 16 Feb:

- ♦ First Holy Communion Information evening in the OLR Church 5-6pm
- ♦ Young Adults Group meet in the Parish Centre each Wednesday from 6pm.

Friday 18 Feb:

- ♦ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession is available while Adoration is on.
- ♦ Ladies lunch Nicky's Café see notice below.

Saturday 19 Feb:

♦ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

Sunday 20 Feb: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

♦ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

LADIES LUNCH The next ladies lunch will be this **Friday 18th February** at Nicky's Cafe 65 Pierce Avenue Little Mountain at 12 noon. You will need proof of vaccination with you. If you would like to come please let Deborah (0410531901) know by Tuesday 15th Thank you.



KINGDOM YOUTH LAUNCH NEW DATE

A reminder that our Youth Launch is coming up on FRIDAY 11 MARCH from 5pm-9pm at Unity College. All Year 7-12 students welcome! Dinner, games, slushies, raffle rego, and more. Please register via the QR code. **All registered go in the running to win Apple Airpods!** See you there!

HELP NEEDED - YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

We believe sharing a meal together is such an important part of connection and fellowship, and so will be offering dinner for our kids each Friday night at youth group.

We were wondering if anyone would like to assist us by donating a meal one Friday night this term. If you feel you can support us in this way, please email Felicity kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au

KINGDOM YA HANGS

We've got a young adult social night coming up on Wednesday 16 February! We are throwing on our skates and heading to the Rollerdome from 5pm-7pm and then out for some dinner. About \$20 to participate! All YAs welcome to join us.

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist.

Parish Diary

Monday 14 Feb St Cyril

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 15 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 16 Feb No Mass

Thursday 17 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 18 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am Mass (Landsborough) 9am

> Saturday 19 Feb Mass (OLR) 9am

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

Sunday 20 Feb

7th 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 Mass (Unity) 5pm

Confession

Saturday Morning at OLR Church 8.30am

WATCH MASS LIVE

To watch live-stream Mass go to the Caloundra Catholic Parish Facebook https:// www.facebook.com/ caloundracatholicparish/

Following on from health department guidelines, whilst in the Church, please,



Wear a mask! Keep your Distance! If unwell, please stay at home.

As a parish family we welcome

Vinnie Ball

who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

In Transition

We pray for *George Calleja* whose funeral will be on Friday 18th February in the OLR church at 11.30am *& Brian King* whose funeral will be held next week. May their soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and

parishioners Rest in Peace.



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