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ROSARY**

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How reconciliation is shown in the 'parable of the prodigal son'.

It is in the section of the parable about the prodigal's return where we see the process of reconciliation being played out.

- The lost son one day came to his senses and realized how far he had fallen (15:17). The meaning is that the Holy Spirit of God convicted him and brought him to his senses. He admitted that he was finished if he kept on in the way he was going. He was brought to a heart-conviction of sin and to a genuine repentance for that sin. Hitting 'rock bottom' is often a prerequisite for any progress. It does not guarantee progress by itself, but in the Lord's hands it prepares the way for a new start.
- He confessed his sin against God and man (15:18). The proof that the young man truly understood his predicament is that he turned to God in confession of sin (as David in Psalm 51:4). The bottom line is that all sin is against God. Yes, he had sinned against his father and he needed his forgiveness, but true conviction of sin also has eternity in view and understands that God has both a right to be offended, and a right to call us to account.
- He decided to cast himself on his father's mercy (15:19). He casts himself upon his father's free grace, knowing that his father would be in the right to reject him. But this is not the whole story because there is an underlying hope in the young man's appeal for mercy. The character of the father inspired a certain hope. The young man knew that there is no grace in any other, and so he goes to the one source of real mercy in his universe. He doesn't presume, but he knows his father is always ready to show grace.
- He acted on his new faith (15:20-21). The prodigal son did not merely hatch a pious sounding plan. He acted on his conviction. Real faith acts. It doesn't stop with words "so he got up and went to his father", and he was not disappointed. The next section in the story (15:22-24) is about the father's joy. When we proclaim the character of God of the bible and preach his Son, Jesus Christ, as the Saviour of sinners, we lift up a hope which every truly repentant sinner can embrace — that the Lord will not turn away anyone who comes to him in faith, trusting in Christ for salvation.

Conclusion: When someone comes to God for salvation, he comes without any merit, without any claim on God, and with a readiness to accept His just anger — but s/he comes because s/he has a rising awareness that He is a God of grace. Like the prodigal, s/he knows for sure that there is no grace in any other and s/he goes to one true source of real mercy in the universe. We need to know that wherever we have been, however deeply engulfed in sin we have become, the Lord will take us to Himself when we cast ourselves on him in true repentance and faith in Christ. In fact, the bible teaches that God actually rejoices in the presence of the angels over everyone who so repents.

Reconciliation was shown when it says "While he was still **a long way off**; his father intercepted him and **threw his arms around him and kissed him**". The prodigal's faith was answered with a father's love, with forgiveness of sin and reconciliation as a son. The parable shows us that if we make a U-turn and go back to God, He welcomes us, rewards and blesses us and throws a party for us.

God's blessings to you.
Fr. Valentine Ejikeme Ntamaka

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C
WEEKEND OF 26/27 MARCH 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21 Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

In our Golden Jubilee Year 1972-2022

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend the 5pm Vigil Mass and the 9:30am Mass will be certainly crowded as we welcome many visitors who will be joining us for the First Holy Communion Masses. We acknowledge the weeks of preparation, coordinated by their parents and guided by our Parish Sacramental Team that has brought them to this point along their journey of faith. Thank you for your prayers towards them.



The gift of Taizé

is peace and reconciliation. In our Lenten Taizé Prayer at OLR, we gathered in quiet strength to reach out tangibly to those who have lost everything, sending out peace and comfort to the people of Ukraine and Russia as well as remembering our Aussies whose lives have been devastated by flooding. It was a profoundly moving prayer, giving parishioners the opportunity to express their horror at this war. We affirmed our solidarity with so many suffering people as we brought them silently to the cross of Christ. We stand with them in their pain - there are no words.

Building Catholic Faith

We have started the RCIA process on Monday nights at OLR Parish Centre at 6pm.

We are delighted to announce an encourage Neil Fontin and Kylie Savile as they journey in building their faith. Let us pray for them.



Struggling to find answers to some of the bigger questions of life? If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact

Fr. Ejikeme ntamake@bne.catholic.net.au or the parish office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au
It's not too late to be part of the group.

THE PLENARY AND THE PEOPLE Webinar Thursday, March 31, 2022 **Time:** 7.00 – 8.00 pm (Qld.) Promoted as one of the most significant events in the Church this century, the Australian Plenary Council hopes to create a pathway for renewal and growth. Trusting in the Spirit to lead us, we have confidence in our future. Join us as we focus on how Australian Catholics can continue to be engaged in this pivotal moment in the lead-up to the Second Assembly in July 2022. More information and free registration details are on the Parish Website.

<https://caloundracatholicparish.net/latest-parish-news/>

Muchas Gracias

Bishop Tim Norton would like to thank all parishioners for your welcome to the Sunshine Coast last weekend. He takes away from our Parish not just memories of a friendly and energetic faith community but also several extra kilos after three days of morning teas, lunches, afternoon teas and dinners. To all who worked quietly behind the scenes to make the Episcopal Pastoral Visit so successful, *thank you*.



KINGDOM YA

Young adults! Next week we are meeting at 6pm in the OLR Parish Centre for dinner and a little session on what it means to proclaim the Word of God! If you'd like to improve in this area of ministry, this night is for you and we'd be keen to journey with you!

Youth Group

Next Friday night is our last youth group of the term! We are having a MOVIE NIGHT @ Unity starting at 6pm. Come grab some pizza, popcorn, and a slushie, and get settled to start the movie at 6:30pm. BYO pillow and blanket!

Please contact Felicity if you have any questions –

kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au

Follow us on Instagram [@kingdom.caloundra](https://www.instagram.com/kingdom.caloundra) for weekly updates on all things youth and young adults!



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 27 March: *4th Sunday of Lent*

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass. Last one for the term.
- ◆ First Holy Communion at the OLR 9.30am Mass

Monday 28 March:

- ◆ Alpha each Monday 10-12noon OLR Parish centre rooms till 4th April.
- ◆ Craft Group every Monday in the Pastoral Centre 9-12noon.
- ◆ RCIA program 6pm in the Parish Centre.

Tuesday 29 March:

- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am, Rosary 9.30am after Mass.
- ◆ The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Caloundra Pastoral Centre weekly beginning at 8:30am - all welcome.
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet 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 staff meeting room. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.

Wednesday 30 March:

- ◆ The Lenten Group meets each Wednesday 9.30am-10.30am. The venue for the meetings for the final two weeks of lent will be the Dobson Room. All welcome-contact Bill 0481847035.
- ◆ Young Adults group - Egan Room each Wednesday 6-8.30pm

Thursday 31 March:

- ◆ Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9.30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402
- ◆ Sisterhood (18-35) Lenten program in the Egan Room 5-6pm.

Friday 1 April: **Last day of school Term**

- ◆ Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent in the OLR church 9.30am.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession is available while Adoration is on.
- ◆ Maleny Lenten group 12.30-2pm in the Pat Daley Centre, material provided.
- ◆ Maleny SVDP meeting in church flat at 9.00am.
- ◆ Last youth group for the term 6pm-8:30pm @ Unity College.

Saturday 2 April:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.
- ◆ First Holy Communion at the OLR 5pm Mass
- ◆ Wine & Cheese after the 5pm OLR Mass, all welcome.

Sunday 3 April: *5th Sunday of Lent*

- ◆ Maleny morning tea in Pat Daley Centre following 9.00am Mass.
- ◆ First Sunday of the month all welcome for a cuppa after Mass in your community.

The Grace of Baptism Retreat

Where: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 61 Edmund Street, Caloundra.

When: Saturday, 23rd April 2022 starting at 9.30am.

Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided. Please register for catering purposes.

Registration: Dorothy – Phone or text 0403 175 714 or dorothykay49@gmail.com

More details in the coming weeks.



Next weekend we will have guest speakers at a few of our Masses to talk about Marriage Encounter weekends. If you can't wait till then and want more details or bookings contact Maria and David Murphy: 0481 307 821

Invitation

Each year the Archbishop hosts two dinners; one for men contemplating priesthood and the other for women discerning their vocation to religious life. It is a chance to share personal stories of faith and share a meal with the Archbishop in a positive and encouraging environment. The first of these dinners will be for young men discerning their vocation and more information can be found by visiting this website:

www.vocationbrisbane.com/upcoming-events

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

Parish Diary

Monday 28 Mar

Mass (OLR) Mass 9am

Tuesday 29 Mar

Mass (OLR) Mass 9am

Mass (Maleny) Mass 9am

Wednesday 30 Mar

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am (new)

(School liturgy) 9am

Thursday 31 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) NO Mass

Friday 1 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 2 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 3 April

5th Sunday of Lent

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

Reconciliation

Saturday Morning at

OLR Church 8.30am

WATCH MASS LIVE

To watch live-stream Mass go to the Caloundra Catholic Parish

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The Syro Malabar Catholic Community celebrate their Eucharist each Sunday afternoon at 5pm at Our Lady of the Rosary Caloundra.

As a parish family we welcome

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who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

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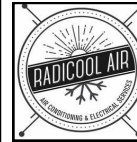


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