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**Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough,  
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## ***DOUBTS and FAITH***

On this Second Sunday of Easter, we hear the Gospel of Doubting Thomas. That is because the event described takes place the Sunday after the Resurrection of the Lord. This Gospel leads me pondering two main questions: **"Why do we have doubts?"** and, **"Why do we have faith?"** I know that doubting is part of being a human being, but I am still shocked when I read that not only did the disciples doubt the Lord during His ministry on earth and during His Passion, they even doubted Him after the Resurrection. And it was not just Thomas. Look at Matthew 28:16-20. As the disciples gathered on the Mount of the Ascension, Jesus appeared again to them, but, the scripture says, **"some still doubted."** Why did they doubt? Here they had the Resurrected Lord right in front of them. That was more than Thomas had when the other disciples told him that they had seen the Lord. Perhaps, some of the disciples on that mountain wondered if this really was a ghost, or a strange phenomenon. Most probably, their doubts were simply part of being human beings.

What then are the causes of these doubts? The most serious cause of doubts in our faith come when we leap into immorality. Many go through a period of hypocrisy, saying one thing in Church and doing something altogether opposite outside of the Church. But eventually, the hypocrisy catches up with us all, and we have to make a choice between living a lie or rejecting our faith. We are not going to be able to deal with our own hypocrisy. So the choice will be to either change our life or reject our faith.

But why do we have faith? Perhaps we have faith because faith is all that we can hold on to when we are in crisis. That is a very good reason for faith. Or perhaps we have faith because we know what we are like, how we would live our lives without faith. That is also a powerful reason for our faith. But the most important reason for faith is this: We have faith because we have experienced the Love of God in our lives as individuals and as a people. We have faith because we have felt His Love within us at various times in our lives, usually when we least expect it. We have faith when we reflect on how pointless life would be if Jesus had not **Risen** from the Dead, given us His Life, and gifted us with the Holy Spirit.

At the end of today's Gospel we heard: "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name". We have faith because Jesus has given us life. The tomb is empty, but our lives are full. Jesus Christ is our deepest love. His presence makes all life worthwhile. His presence is a guarantee of eternal life and eternal love. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. The Lord knows us better than we know ourselves. He sees what is going on inside of us and calls us to trust in Him. We live under the mercy of God.

***HAPPY EASTER  
FR. EJKEME***

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER- YEAR C  
WEEKEND OF 23/24 APRIL 2022**

**Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Acts 5:12-16 Second Reading: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 Gospel: Jn 19-31**

We launch our **Confirmation Sacramental Programme** this Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, with a parent information session beginning at 5pm. At this one-hour session the programme workbooks are distributed and input is provided to assist parents in the task of *handing on the faith* to their children. All baptised children in grade 3 or above are eligible to be part of the programme. Before attending this meeting parents will need to complete the enrolment form via this link on our Parish webpage. <http://caloundracatholicparish.net/confirmation-form/>

For further information please contact one of the Sacramental Team - Fr Ejikeme, Kelli, Donna & Justine 54309390.

### Tuesday Night Alpha



Some of the especially insightful and challenging passages in Pope Francis' 2013 apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* (the 'Joy of the Gospel') are those **on the importance of a personal encounter with Jesus; the evangelizing power of popular piety; person to person witness; and the need to experience the power of the Holy Spirit.** Francis's very first words in *Evangelii Gaudium* go directly to the fundamental reason for proclaiming the Gospel—that **people may encounter Jesus in person.** In EG's introduction, Francis invites all Christians to 'a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' We are invited to live 'in the Spirit which has its source in the heart of the risen Christ.' Pope Francis extends each of us a most personal invitation: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord' (#3).

But how are we to encounter Jesus? How are we to experience the power of the Holy Spirit? How are we to share that experience with others as we seek be Christ's hands and feet in the world?

The Alpha program offers the opportunity to truly encounter Jesus and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. The program has been running in our Parish for three years and is the ideal vehicle to both rekindle our personal love for Christ; and share that love with others.

Alpha is also about building community & friendships. The Alpha program at Caloundra Catholic Parish has contributed greatly to the development of an active lay membership. **Why not try Alpha, and see who you meet? Why not invite others to Alpha, and see who meets Jesus himself?**

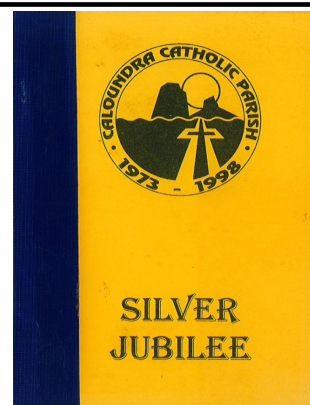
Our next 10-week course commences on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm in the OLR Parish Centre. Email [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com) for more information or simply come along to the first (no obligation) evening to see what it is all about.

### Watch This Space!

This year marks the Golden Jubilee of our Parish! In 1972 Archbishop Rush promulgated the creation of the new Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary, formally separating us from the Caboolture parish. Fr John Egan was appointed the foundation Parish Priest. A lot of waves have crashed onto our beaches since then! To mark this important milestone in the second half of the year there are several events being organised including a Parish Gala and Jubilee Mass.

We also want to compile a Golden Jubilee Book to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For our Silver Jubilee in 1997 we published a booklet and it is appropriate that we bring together the stories of our communities over the past 50 years between the cover of a Golden Jubilee Booklet. Our journey of faith is rich and diverse and it is important that we get a snapshot of who we are and where we have come from as we mark this important milestone. We are establishing a steering committee and if you would be willing to be involved and lend a hand could you please email Fr Peter [brannellyp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:brannellyp@bne.catholic.net.au)



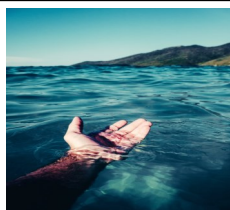
Australia's Catholic bishops have called for a shakeup that focuses the country's politics on the common good of all, including – and especially – those who struggle to participate in the community. Australian Catholic Bishops Conference president, Archbishop Mark Coleridge, said no one political party fully embodies Catholic social teaching. The bishops are, however, offering an election statement to encourage Catholics and people of good will to reflect on the good they can do for their community by using their vote for the good of all. Archbishop Coleridge said: "We all long for what Pope Francis calls 'a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good'" **Copies of documents are on the Parish Website, under 2nd Sunday of Easter News.**



As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate **Gary McAlister & Sarah Greenway** who will be married at Tiffany's this weekend.

Next Saturday after the 9am morning Mass we are having a short review of the Our lady of the Rosary Lent, Holy Week and Easter ceremonies – everyone who was involved is invited to attend the meeting which will take place in the Parish Centre.

### Grown Men Living Their Baptism



Inviting men to join us for a morning of reflection and connection with others.  
From 9-11.30am, Morning tea provided at **OLR Caloundra 30th April 2022**  
Presentation from Shane Dwyer, Associate Director,  
Adult formation, Evangelisation Brisbane.  
For enquiries and registration contact the Parish office on 54309390  
or email [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

# In our Golden Jubilee Year 1972-2022

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **Sunday 24 April: 2nd Sunday of Easter**

- ◆ First Holy Communion at the OLR 9.30am Mass for Isabelle & Chloe Lane.
- ◆ Children's liturgy restarts at OLR & Maleny Masses.

### **Monday 25 April: Anzac Day - Parish office is closed**

- ◆ No Craft Group till 9th May. Contact Helen McGlynn 0409050722

### **Tuesday 26 April:**

- ◆ 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 9am - 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 27 April:**

- ◆ Maleny cards 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.
- ◆ Kingdom YA 6-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Enquiries Kath Ball 0418187914
- ◆ OLR Men's Sharing Group 10am-11:30am in the Parish Centre meeting rooms. 2nd & 4th Wed each month. please call John 0416154144 for details.
- ◆ Confirmation preparation evening in the OLR church 5-6pm

### **Thursday 28 April:**

- ◆ Maleny Liturgy Meeting to review Easter ceremonies at 4.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.
- ◆ 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.

### **Friday 29 April:**

- ◆ Youth group is back, 6pm-8:30pm @ Unity College.

### **Saturday 30 April:**

- ◆ Grown Men Living Their Baptism - see information on opposite page.
- ◆ OLR Liturgy meeting to review Easter ceremonies 9.30am in the Parish Centre.

### **Sunday 1 May: 3rd Sunday of Easter**

- ◆ Hospitality in all the communities.
- ◆ Children's liturgy at OLR & Maleny Masses.

## Seeking Accommodation

Our youth minister, Felicity, is urgently looking for temporary accommodation for the remainder of the year. If you are able to assist and know of any granny flats/units/rooms available around the parish, please contact the parish office with any details.

## KNIGDOM YOUTH - SENIOR (citizens) NIGHT TERM 2 LAUNCH

Youth Group starts back again next Friday 29 April from 6pm-9pm in the Unity Auditorium! All students from Years 7-12 are welcome!! It is SENIOR (citizens) NIGHT so you are asked to dress up as a grandma/grandpa - best dressed will get a special prize! Visit an op shop and get your costume together!!! It is also taco night, and there will be a lolly bar for you to choose some treats from. All games will have a seniors theme and then we will end in the Chapel for some praise and worship! BRING YOUR FRIENDS! Registration link will be sent via email.

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

## **Parish Diary**

### Monday 25 April

*ANZAC Day*

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Tuesday 26 April

*St Mark, evangelist*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 27 April

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am (new)  
(School liturgy) 9am

### Thursday 28 April

*St Peter Chanel*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### Friday 29 April

*St Catherine of Siena*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 30 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 1 May

*3rd Sunday of Easter*

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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## **In Transition**

As a parish family we welcome **Jake Robinson, Molly & Charlotte Lude, Carter & Fraser Turesson & Rafel Hervieux** who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for **Antun Mestric & Paul Collins**, who died last week and whose funerals will be at G&W & OLR this week. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

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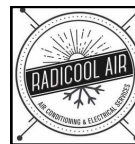
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