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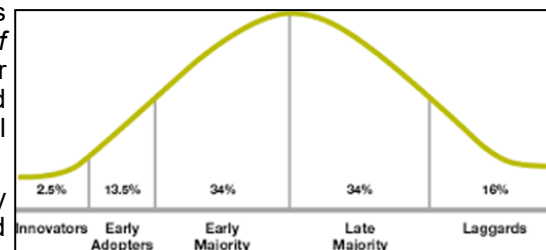
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WEEKEND OF 5/6 NOVEMBER 2022

A Church Which Listens

Good morning/evening to you. As I write this reflection, it is Thursday morning before the Parish Summit Day. All the planning, advertising and preparation has been completed and now it's time to gather. It's often a challenge to write about an event which hasn't taken place yet but being the single-most important Synodal parish event in this generation, conversing about it – us, together – is somewhat unavoidable if not necessary.

In his speech at the conclusion of the second Synod on the Family in 2015, Pope Francis declared his dream and vision that we be a **Synodal Church**, "a Church which listens, where listening is more than simply hearing." Fast forward to 2018 and in the midst of researching a topic to study for my Master's Thesis, I stumbled upon an article written by our Archbishop, Mark Coleridge, about his extraordinary reaction to Pope Francis' speech as which he was an attendee. In his article, Archbishop Mark described the way he experienced the power of the Holy Spirit as he listened to Pope Francis share his dream about a Synodal Church. I too experienced the Holy Spirit in an extraordinary way as I read the words of Pope Francis' speech; I too sensed the Holy Spirit's call to promote a greater sense of listening with open hearts in our Church.

Our Parish Summit Day is a concrete manifestation of the Holy Spirit's desire for our parish community. I have a great sense of trust in the Lord that we are exactly where we need to be in our journey as a Synodal parish and in the journey of our Strategic Planning Process. This *trust* is something I have experienced both in prayer and in my research into the most effective ways of casting vision for change in a known population of people. The image below is known as the *Social Change Bell Curve*. It shows *how*, or perhaps more accurately *when*, groups of people enter into *the process of positive change* – a challenge which our Church is facing in order to thrive and flourish – and is based upon statistical data.



Our parish is made up of approximately 1000 worshipping parishioners (based upon our May Mass count data). From that data, the bell curve gives us a clear indication of the different groups of people we need to reach in order to forge a new, missional way forward as a parish. Statistically speaking, if I cast a vision that we are going to change **x-y-z** in the way we function as a Catholic parish (for example), 25 people or 2.5% of our population will get on board the vision no matter what – these people are called the Innovators. I've been connecting with and working with these people already over the last few years – sometimes even without knowing it. The next group that embrace the vision/ change, as it were, are the Early Adopters – the next 135, or 13.5% of our parishioners. Together with the Innovators, these people make up a total of 16% or 160 people in our parish.

I'm excited to say that 175 people registered to attend the Parish Summit on Saturday – 17.5% of our worshipping parish. This is indeed exciting because it means that we are already heading in the right direction; it means that we are breaking through the 16% barrier into the Early Majority group (34%) on the bell curve. Statistically, the Early Majority will not embrace a new vision/change until they see and hear about the first 16% embracing the vision for change; nor will the Late Majority embrace the vision for change until they see the Early Majority embrace it – this is the way of statistically-proven change. The final 16% or 160 people in our parish will never embrace a different way of doing things according to statistical data, but that is okay; it's simply the way of the world and statistics.

If you chose not to attend the parish summit, that is also okay. It's likely that you naturally fall into the Early Majority or Late Majority groups on the bell curve. If you recognise this in yourself, all I can suggest is that if/when you notice that things are indeed changing in a missional way, to look for the opportunity to get on board. Let me be clear: we are not going to alter our theology or what we believe as Catholics, but we most certainly are going to take the opportunities that our own God-given gifts provide in order to be a mission-orientated Catholic Community. Let's look forward, together, to a future with hope (Jer 29:11). Peace and Blessings, **Fr Josa**

In our Golden Jubilee Year 1972-2022

REMINDER

It's finally here! Next weekend is our

Gala Night



12th November 2022

RSL Caloundra, 19 West Terrace, Caloundra

- ◆ Door opens at 5.30pm. Proceed to the entrance of RSL Function Centre.
- ◆ Welcome drinks and canapes will be served upon arrival.
- ◆ Remember your table number as emailed to you.
- ◆ Bring cash to purchase raffle tickets and have the chance to win wonderful prizes.
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- ◆ Attire: Semi-formal

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Good News Story: Ten Teenagers to Receive the Sacraments of Initiation



We are overjoyed to be journeying with ten teenagers through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Teenagers (RCIT) Program. On Sunday 20 November, the Feast of Christ the King, at the 5pm Mass in the Unity Chapel, we will welcome these teens into the Catholic Church and celebrate the wonderful journey that is just beginning for them. All parishioners are welcome to attend and show their support.

Most of these teens have been involved heavily with our youth group, Kingdom Youth, throughout the year. Their desire to receive the sacraments and their yearning to continue to explore the faith is a result of the time, effort, and prayers many of our loving parishioners (that's you!) have contributed to this ministry. On a personal level, I am extremely grateful for the love and care we have received, whether that

be kind and encouraging words, meals donated by our beautiful Women's Prayer Group, the sacrifice of time by our passionate young adults each Friday night, or the many donations gifted to resource the running of each youth group, particularly the opportunity to send a large group to the recent Ignite Conference in Brisbane.

There is so much more to our mission than just those working at the coalface, and it could not be done without the generosity of parishioners and their willingness to give. Every time we receive a donation, it allows us to strategically allocate resources to various ministries in order to reach out to people and invite them into a deeper relationship with Jesus; youth and young adults is one of these ministries, and we are seeing the fruit of your giving today! Many of our young adults who have been through the sacraments in the recent years, are also giving of their time to support these teens going through the RCIT process. This is an inspiring time in the life of our parish as your contributions come full circle!

Giving is mission, and your donations allow us to go above and beyond to share the Good News. So, from the bottom of our hearts – those on the front lines of Youth & Young Adult ministry – thank you!! Please continue to pray for this ministry, particularly for the ten teenagers preparing for initiation. Be assured, you are also in our prayers.

God bless, Felicity Jones, Youth Ministry



We would like to **Thank you** for your generosity to the recent Catholic Mission Appeal, whether it be through a one-off gift or your commitment as a monthly Mission Partner.

Reach out. Give life.

Your generosity and prayers are supporting life-changing mission programs like the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia, where the Church and community are working together to help support those in most need, like Neela* and her family, by addressing critical issues such as malnutrition. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to lend your support once again, please go to catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia *Name altered to protect identity

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be Friday 18th November at 12 noon at Caloundra Power Boat Club 2 Lamerough Parade Golden Beach. This will be our last lunch for the year. All ladies are welcome. If you would like to attend please contact Deborah by Monday 14th November 0410531901 so we can confirm numbers with the venue.

In Transition

We pray for **James McGregor** whose memorial service will be at OLR this Wednesday. May his soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

SCAM ALERT!!

Priests will only ever email people from an @bne.catholic.net.au email address.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 6 Nov: *32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- ◆ First Sunday of the month hospitality in all the communities, all welcome.
- ◆ Maleny have supplied beef dishes & BYO refreshments (of your choice) in lieu of the usual 1st Sunday morning tea following Mass.
- ◆ Children's liturgy.

Monday 7 Nov:

- ◆ 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 8 Nov:

- ◆ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Pastoral Centre from 9-12noon. Call Helen for more information on 0410392526.
- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church.
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.00am.
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet every Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30-11am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409897673.
- ◆ 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.

Wednesday 9 Nov:

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Maleny cards in the Pat Daley Centre at 6.00pm.
- ◆ Kingdom Young Adults - 6.00-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Ph Kath Ball 0418187914.

Thursday 10 Nov:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ 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 Helen on 0475 859 215.

Friday 11 Nov:

- ◆ Spirituality Group meets in the OLR Parish Centre 9.45am-12noon every 2nd Friday of the month.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.

Saturday 12 Nov:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

Sunday 13 Nov: *33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 7Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 8 Nov

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 9 Nov

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

Thursday 10 Nov

St Leo the Great

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 11 Nov

St Martin of Tours

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 12 Nov

St Josaphat

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 13 Nov

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Liturgy of Word

(Landsborough) 7am

Mass (Unity) 8am

Mass (Kawana) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

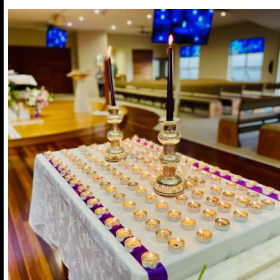
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

All Souls Celebration



On Tuesday last week, the parish celebrated two All Souls Masses – one at Unity College Chapel at 7.50am, and one at OLR church at 5pm. Both Masses drew large congregations as faith-filled people came to pray for loved ones and all the dead. In a special way, due to our parish's technology platform, we were able to invite all those who'd celebrated funerals of loved ones in our parish over the past two years. This is significant because the technology we have allows us to reach out



to people who may not consider themselves active parishioners, but who are an important part of our parish nonetheless.

As we delve into the journey of our Strategic Planning Process, it is important that each one of us begin to look for ways to reach out to, and invite into relationship, those who are connected to our parish in ways other than regular Sunday worshippers. These people, our brothers and sisters in Christ, are on our doorstep but it's up to each one of us – not *the parish*, not *the priests*, not *someone else* – but every worshipping parishioner, to take up the opportunities which present themselves. As we take this journey into being a missional, outward-facing parish, may the Holy Spirit inspire our desire to share the Good News with others. In the meantime, enjoy these stunning photos of All Souls Day.

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