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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A WEEKEND OF 26/27 NOVEMBER 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Is 2:1-5 **Second Reading:** Rom 13:11-14 **Gospel:** Mt 24:37-44

Grounding the Liturgical New Year in God's Word

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 Matthew's Gospel during our Sunday celebrations and perhaps more specifically, the intimate connection between the Hebrew Scriptures – the Old Testament – and the way God's Word is fulfilled in the person of Jesus. As Moses led the Israelites through the Red Sea (ex 14:19-31), Jesus leads us to the waters of new life in baptism (Mt 3:13-17). As the Israelites fell into temptation in the dessert (Deut 6:16), Jesus leads us away from temptation (Mt 6:9-13). Indeed, Matthew's intention is to show us, the reader, that Jesus is the high point of God's revelation – the high point in the entire arc of Salvation History. Matthew's Gospel in this next liturgical year, therefore, offers us a wonderful opportunity to grow in relationship with Jesus through an Encounter with Him in and through the Bible.

While much ink has been spilt by as many theologians and learned people over the centuries in the field of biblical scholarship, God's Word, as revealed in the Bible, is still nothing more and nothing less than an Encounter between two hearts: God's and ours. Our half in this relationship, 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 when we pray with Scripture. Often, it's the **"aha"** moments when something of what we read touches our heart or grabs our attention in which Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, reaches out to our hearts with the gift of Encounter.

Prayer, through reading Holy Scripture and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us, is **that one thing** that, if we all spent more time doing – and therefore investing in our relationships with God – that would transform the entire missionary capacity of our parish. A good question to ask ourselves is: am I committed to deepening my relationship with God through the sacrifice of time in prayer? Each of us is given 168 hours as God's gift each and every week; what we do with this time is perhaps a direct reflection of our relationship with God. Without a habit of prayer in our lives – not just the kind of prayer where we ask for things for others or even ourselves – we're often left with questions about whether our prayers are answered at all. While we certainly don't discount the action of God's grace or God's Providence in our lives – that free, unmerited gift of God – throughout the entire Bible God is portrayed as one in **dialogue** with humanity. God doesn't act unilaterally or against our free will, 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 – especially as we enter the preparation season of Advent. 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 Matthew'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 grace of relationship with Jesus 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 at Christmas.

Fr Josh



In our Golden Jubilee Year 1972-2022

Advent Taizé

Some of you may have visited the village of Taizé near Maçon in Western France. During WWII, Brother Roger established a community there to shelter Jews fleeing from Nazi persecution. This is a special place of reconciliation and welcome. The Brothers pray very simply through chant. There is a focus on youth who flock to Taizé to reflect on their lives and join in the sung prayer. *Experience this beautiful prayer for yourself at OLR on Tuesday 6 Dec at 7pm.* <https://www.taize.fr/en>

Bible Study 2023

We are planning to study the book of Acts in the New Year. We have 2 groups at present, which meet either on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. If anyone would like to join us, you would be most welcome. We are not into academic theology, more a practical application approach. Please RSVP to Caroline as books will need to be ordered. They will cost around \$10 each. Please call Caroline Kettle on 0435 828 092 if you are interested or have any questions.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

For OLR, OLG & MALENY will be the 17/18th December.

Supporting families less fortunate than ourselves.

We will let you know how you can help. Stay tuned.



Congratulations

Last weekend, we welcomed ten students into the Catholic family as they celebrated their Sacraments of Initiation – Holly Rees, Sienna Macfarlane, Amilia Greene, Emmeline Ford, Emma Nulty, Makenzie O'Brien, Lincoln Nicholson, Aidan Kirby, Charlie Thorne, and Levi Hoppe.

It was a great privilege to journey with them throughout the program; to meet them wherever they were at and to guide them a little closer into a personal relationship with Jesus.

A very special congratulations to Holly and Sienna who celebrated the wonderful occasion of their baptism.



We look forward to continuing to support them in their faith lives into next year and beyond. Please continue to pray for them as they continue on this journey and thank you so much for all the support you have given to Kingdom Youth this year.

God bless, Felicity
– Youth Co-ordinator



First Saturday Devotion

We invite you to please join us with your family, Children and friends to pray the *Holy Rosary on **3rd December 2022 @ 8am** **Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra**

1. Recite the Rosary
2. Make a Sacramental Confession
3. Receive Holy Communion

*Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Mary



Volunteer Wanted

We are looking for an assistant volunteer to help with pastoral care in the office. If you are able to assist in helping coordinate visits to the sick and organising communion ministers to nursing homes, please email the parish office with your interest to caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Fundraiser

Erin Osbourne and Emily Noyes from this Parish have both been accepted to join the National Evangelisation Team (NET) for 2023. This is a great honour for the parish. Last year Verity was accepted and has had a wonderful year supporting and bringing young people in schools to Faith.

On Sunday 11th December, the Woman's Friendship and Prayer Group with support from the Craft Group as well as the Card Group are holding a Cake, Plant & Bric-n-Brac stall after the 9.30am Mass, There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks which can be purchased as well as Christmas raffles.

In Transition

As a Parish we welcome **Allysa McPake-Maher** who will be baptised at OLR Church this weekend.

We pray for **Barbara Rodios** whose funeral will be held at OLR on the 1st December & **Marino Biondi** whose funeral will be on the 9th December 10am at G&W. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 27 Nov: *First Sunday of Advent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.
- ◆ Kawana Community meeting after 8am Mass in the Good Shepherd Centre.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies Christmas Lunch orders with payment due today.

Monday 28 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.

Tuesday 29 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 30 Nov:

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Kingdom Young Adults - 6.00-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Ph Kath Ball 0418187914.
- ◆ Kawana Catholic Women's League meeting at 11am at The Good Shepherd Centre followed by Christmas Lunch at the Kawana Surf Club.

Thursday 1 Dec:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ Baptism preparation OLR Church 7-8pm

Friday 2 Dec:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Maleny SVDP meeting in church flat at 9.00am.
- ◆ No more Youth group for the year, back in Term 1, 2023

Saturday 3 Dec:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.
- ◆ Strategic Planning Day
- ◆ Wine and Cheese after 5pm OLR Mass in the parish centre, all welcome.

Sunday 4 Dec: *Second Sunday of Advent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.
- ◆ Join us for a cuppa to open the new undercover area at OLR. All welcome.
- ◆ First Sunday of the month hospitality in all the communities, all welcome.

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our faith.**

Parish Diary

Monday 28 Nov

The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 29 Nov

St Cecilia

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 30 Nov

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

(OLR School liturgy) 9am

Thursday 1 Dec

Sts Andrew & Sts Peter, Mass of the Saints

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 2 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 3 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 4 Dec

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Reconciliation

Saturday Morning at
OLR Church 8.30am

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the Caloundra Catholic Parish

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Jude's Art Class every Wednesday
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Rosters are ready to fill Christmas is fast approaching, the rosters are out in the OLR church for our 5 Christmas Masses which will be held at OLR. Saturday 4pm, 7pm, 10pm and Sunday 6.30am & 9.30am. All the communities will be having a Christmas Mass which will require volunteers to assist with the preparation and rosters to fill for parts of the Mass. If you are available at Christmas and would like to be involved with one of the Masses please put your name on the sheets or contact the leader in your community. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

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