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**Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough,
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2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C WEEKEND OF 14/15 JANUARY 2023

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3 Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

Friends,

A belated Happy New Year! The year is getting underway now; our families are returning from holidays and preparing for school and work in the year ahead. At a time like this the lectionary appears to be "getting underway" as well. Over this coming week, we will observe different gospel characters and crowds being somewhat taken aback by Jesus' radical way of operating. The reading cycle for this liturgical year wastes zero time: we went from Jesus being born as the new Messianic King in Luke's gospel, straight into Jesus as an adult in ministry. We have, in effect, gone straight from first gear to sixth gear.

The characters in this week's gospels find themselves too going from first to sixth gear. Today John, seemingly in passing, tells those around him that, over there walking around and about the area is the Messiah. On Monday, Jesus is quizzed for why his followers don't fast; he has an answer. On Tuesday, Jesus is quizzed on why his disciples are lax with Sabbath rules around food; he has an answer. On Wednesday, Jesus heals a man on a Sabbath; he has to defend himself and he is not happy. On Thursday, Jesus is in full swing, healing and exorcizing demons and people flock to him from in droves. On Friday, Jesus goes ahead and picks his 12 apostles. Finally on Saturday Jesus' relatives think he has gone mad; he is not taking precautions with his rowdy fans drawn by his rock star status.

For the idea of an arc running through the week, I am indebted here to my confrere Fr. Ashwin Acharya. He hosts a podcast channel called, *Suspended in the Word*. The channel seeks to draw the narrative arc, which carries over each Sunday to draw forth the emerging picture, building over the year. The committee that arranged the readings themselves also maintained some program: This year the lectionary stays faithful to the structure of the gospel. During Ordinary Time, we will journey from Sundays dedicated to the sermons on the Mount; to ones about instructions to his missionaries; to ones about parables; to those about the Church, ending in weeks 32 to 34 in passages about the end times. Interleaved between these clusters are other topics, which do not require detailing here.

Why do I bother telling you this? Because we are all disciples – students – of Christ. We may be separated by time and death, but we stand with the first Disciples of Christ through baptism. What we are not are spectators. Through the gospel's *program*, Christ teaches you and me as much as he taught his contemporaries. It is not for nothing that we end our readings with "The Word of the Lord!" Some questions, then, that we may contemplate are: How am I transforming over the weeks as I learn from Christ through the readings and homilies at Mass? How do I integrate what I learn? Do I need to journal? What does homework and preparation look like for me? I have heard these readings my whole life – what am I doing to hear them in a fresh way this year? I, Fr. Francis, include myself in these questions.

To integrate Jesus' teachings and challenges into our faith is to prepare ourselves for the times when God breaks into our lives, or the parish embarks in a new direction of Catholic living (I think of our strategic plan here). Our learning and integrating prepare us for those moments when we jump from first gear to sixth gear.

I look forward to our adventure together as Jesus Christ's disciples on the Sunshine Coast in 2023!

God bless, Fr. Francis

Our Parish Mission Statement

While we are still in the drafting phase of our Strategic Plan, there are certain aspects, such as our mission, which are worth publishing ahead of time.

Our mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

Grief Support

The next bi-monthly Grief Support Mass for all parishioners will be held at OLR next Friday 20th January at 9am followed by morning tea. Major life changes or events may cause severe emotional distress. If the Grief Support team can be of confidential assistance, please contact the Parish office or email Kath: olrgriefsupp@gmail.com

Ladies Lunch

The first Ladies Lunch for 2023 will be Friday 20th January at 12 noon at Brightwater Hotel, 15 Freshwater Street Mountain Creek. All ladies are welcome.

If you would like to come could you please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 16th of January so we can confirm numbers.

Women's Retreat - OLR Church Saturday 4th February 2023

You are invited to our Annual Women's Retreat at OLR church on Saturday 4th February 2023 commencing with Mass at 9am. All are welcome, please invite your friends. Lisa McKerr and Chantale Wilson will once again lead us to an Encounter With Jesus. Please join us for a spiritually filled day where we will have an opportunity for some quiet time for ourselves to reflect and pray. We will have discussion time to share our thoughts and learn from each other. Lunch will be provided and there is no cost.

For registration and catering purposes please text or call Vivienne on 0409897673 or Julie on 0431941271

Into His Likeness

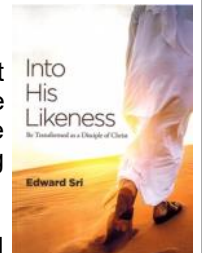
"Into His Likeness" is a six part, one session per week, course during the Lenten Season where we examine the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, which will challenge us in our response to walking in His footsteps.

'Into His Likeness' course are at four Venues

- a. **Parish Centre (Dobson Rm)** Commencing Ash Wed, 22nd Feb, 10:00-11:30am for men's group members and their wives.
- b. **Parish Centre (Dobson Rm)** Commencing Ash Wed, 22nd Feb, 7pm- 8:30pm. Open to everyone.
- c. **Kawana:** Commencing morning Thurs, 23rd Feb, 8:00-9:30am at Kawana's Good Shepherd Centre opposite Library/Centrelink, Nanyima St. Buddina. Open to all.
- d. **Landsborough:** (Proposed) Commencing Ash Wed, 22nd Feb, 1:30-3:00pm. Ron Hickey Centre-next door to Church. Open to everyone.

Course format consists of a weekly 30 minute presentation by Dr Edward Sri, renown Catholic theologian, author & conference speaker, following which we discuss the issues raised and how we could apply them to our own life in response to God's calling.

The course has **no** written assignments, **no** right or wrong answers, but you are expected to reflect upon the questions raised in your associated Study Guide during the week and, **if willing**, share your reflections within the group the following week. The program becomes similar to a 6wk home retreat prior to Easter, and encourages opening yourself to the Holy Spirit to speak to you regarding your calling to follow Jesus more wholeheartedly.



While the course is free, a \$15 donation is asked to offset costs to the already subsidised essential study guide. Only one study guide needed per couple. Registration by email, to johnmanion@optusnet.com.au stating your name/names and group you wish to register for. For further enquires phone John on 0416 154 144. Group numbers are limited and early registration would be helpful.

Interested in becoming a Catholic?

Would you like to simply find out a bit more of what the Church believes?

Struggling to find answers to some of the bigger questions of life? We will soon be beginning a new journey for those who are interested in finding out a bit more of what we believe as Catholics. We are about to start a new programme so if you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Fr Ejikeme caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

In Transition

As a Parish we welcome **Willow Wargent & Thomas Butterfield** who will be baptised at OLR Church this weekend.

We pray for **Helena Sestak & Craig Hamett** who died in January. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 15 Jan: *2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- ◆ No Mass at Kawana

Monday 16 Jan:

- ◆ The OLR craft group will meet back on the 6th February.
- ◆ Adoration/Benediction 9.30-10.30am OLR Church

Tuesday 17 Jan:

- ◆ 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.

Wednesday 18 Jan:

- ◆ 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.

Thursday 19 Jan:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ Maleny Liturgy Meeting to plan Lenten/Easter ceremonies at 3.30pm in Pat Daley Centre.

Friday 20 Jan:

- ◆ Grief Support Mass at OLR 9am followed by morning tea.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.

Saturday 21 Jan:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 16 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 17 Jan

St Anthony

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 18 Jan

No Mass

Thursday 19 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 20 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 21 Jan

St Agnes

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 22 Jan

3rd 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

Reconciliation

Saturday Morning at
OLR Church 8.30am

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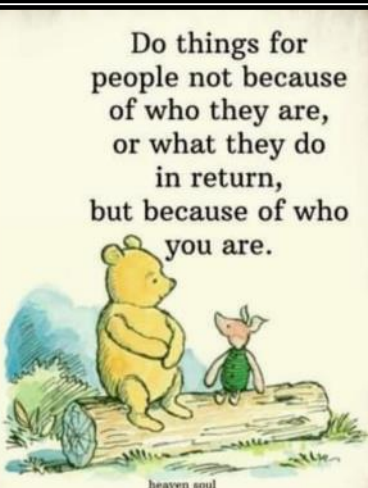
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Explore your hidden talent!

Jude's Art Class are back on every Wednesday 10am-12noon
in the Parish Centre (Egan room) call Jude for further
details on 0421 777 508.



Year of Yes Prayer

Today and every day I say Yes to you O Lord.
In the same way that Mary said yes to
your invitation, I say Yes to your Son's
presence in my life.
May my yes, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
allow you to use all the talents,
skills and gifts you have given me for the
purpose of building up Your Body in
our community.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen



As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate

Sean Morrisson & Jemma Cecil

who will be married this weekend.

Safeguarding News

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