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## **4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A WEEKEND OF 28/29 JANUARY 2023**

### Proper of the Mass

**First Reading:** Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:26-31 **Gospel:** Mt 5:1-12

## **A Life That Leads to Happiness**

Jesus taught his disciples how they were to live in order to achieve the fullness of life and happiness that is God's will for all people. He did this by his own way of life and by his words. His teaching flowed from the tradition of ancient Israel but he also deepened that teaching and perfected it. A good illustration of this is his Sermon on the Mount narrated in the Gospel of St. Matthew.

These are called Beatitudes. The word **Beatitude** refers to a state of deep happiness or joy. These Beatitudes are taught by Jesus as the foundations for a life of authentic Christian discipleship and the attainment of ultimate happiness. They give spirit to the Law of the Ten Commandments and bring perfection to moral life. That spirit is ultimately the spirit of love. Jesus taught that love is at the heart of all law.

Jesus describes those who are truly fortunate, the lucky ones of their day. But it is not emperors, conquerors, priests, and the wealthy who enjoy this favour. Rather, it is the common people, those whom earthly success has largely passed by: the poor, the meek, the persecuted, the peacemakers. How can this be? Because though they may have been denied worldly success, what cannot be taken away from them is their potential to live rightly by one another.

It is all too easy for those who enjoy the pleasures of this world to try to float above such obligations. Jesus goes on to say that so long as ordinary people stand for the right things and do not retreat in their rightness before those who seem to have more power, what is right will prevail.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus offers a description of the community of goodwill his teaching will build in this world. It is kingdom — a kingdom organized and given to us by God.

Jesus calls those who belong in these categories "Blessed", in Matthew 5:1-12. The sense of the term here is "fortunate" or "prosperous." Who are the lucky ones? The "poor in spirit" are prosperous; "those who mourn" are fortunate; so are "the gentle"; and "those who hunger and thirst for righteousness"; and "the merciful"; and "the pure in heart"; and "the peacemakers"; and "those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness".

Finally, says Jesus, "fortunate are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

But it is not enough only to hear these pronouncements. While the Beatitudes are not entrance requirements, they do offer an invitation to us to respond to Jesus' announcement of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus pronounces the availability of the kingdom to all, **he offers the way to life**. Jesus teaches the transformation of the heart by the arrival of the kingdom of heaven, which will then direct the transformation of the entire person—word, thought, action, and deeds. This had been God's intention from the original creation, but now with the arrival of the kingdom of heaven in the ministry of Jesus, discipleship to him will bring perfect relation between inner and external life. The Beatitudes are statements of reality about the kind of characteristics that will be produced in the disciple who participates in kingdom life.

**Blessed Life To You.**

**Fr. Ejikeme**

### NET Ministries Update

Friends, after much discernment during the first week of NET training at Peregrin Springs, Emily Noyes, one of our two young women who were accepted to do a year of NET in 2023, has decided that her mission lies not with NET Ministries, but here in our parish. Emily's decision was not an easy one but she is excited about the prospect of continuing to minister to young people at our Friday night Kingdom Youth group. Many of you have already generously supported Erin Osborne and Emily in their fundraising efforts. With your permission, Emily's half of the funds will be used exclusively for youth ministry in our parish. If you would like to discuss this, please contact me through the parish office. Fr Josh



### Date Claimer for Lenten Mini-Mission

While we are still in the season of Ordinary Time, Lent looms large with Ash Wednesday on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. As per the last two years, we have a top quality speaker coming to the parish to facilitate a Lenten Mini-Mission. Bishop Tim Norton, our new Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, will lead us for three days – **Monday 27<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 9.30am** following morning Mass at OLR church. We will be sharing Bishop Tim with Maroochydore this year so while we only have him for a morning session, he will also be giving a 5pm session at Stella Maris church in Maroochydore on the same days.

OLR understands that reading is the foundation on which so many learning skills are developed. This year we will continue to focus on developing solid reading practices across the school to ensure all children are improving their reading.

To support this, we are looking for volunteers to listen to students read as part of our 'Read With Me' initiative. If you have a spare 20 - 30 minutes in the morning (8:35 – 9:00am) or afternoon (2:30 – 3:00pm) and would like to listen to a child read at OLR, please get in touch with Lisa Kearney at [lisa.kearney@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lisa.kearney@bne.catholic.edu.au) or the school office at [pcaloundra@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:pcaloundra@bne.catholic.edu.au) to indicate your interest. Volunteers must also provide a copy of their current Blue Card or Exemption Card.

### READ WITH ME VOLUNTEERS



### Pastoral Carers

For the next month the Parish will be collecting information regarding who is taking communion and to whom. Could you please complete the form available with the sacristan in your community. Thank you very much for your assistance. The new email address for pastoral carers is [olrpastoralcare@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:olrpastoralcare@bne.catholic.net.au)

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

One week to go 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**

### 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? The new journey for those who are interested in finding out a bit more of what we believe as Catholics will begin in March 2023. If you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Fr Ejikeme [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

### Synod on Synodality: Why we should care.

**Thursday 2 February 2023 QLD Time 6.30 – 7.45pm.** Introduced by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, this **Zoom webinar** is one of interest to all concerned about our Church. The Bishops' Conferences of Oceania are meeting in Fiji in early February to finalise their submission to the Synod on Synodality in response to the call of Pope Francis. **Free registration. Details are on the Parish Website.**



### In Transition

As a Parish we welcome **Kenji & Hinata McAuliffe, Chanel & Laura McAuliffe, Anouk Godinho & Makenzie Mombelli** who will be baptised at OLR Church this weekend.

We pray for **Barbara Rose & Clare Callanan** who died last week and their funeral will be on Tuesday at Gregson & Weight 1pm and Thursday at OLR 11am. May their soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

### Our Parish's Mission

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.***

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### Monday 30 Jan:

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

#### Tuesday 31 Jan:

- ♦ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Dobson room in the Parish 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 1 Feb:

- ♦ 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 2 Feb:

- ♦ 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. Enquiries please contact Helen on 0475 859 215.
- ♦ Kawana Men's group today 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.
- ♦ Baptism Prep at OLR Church 7-8pm.

#### Friday 3 Feb:

- ♦ 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.

#### Saturday 4 Feb:

- ♦ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.
- ♦ Women's retreat OLR Church 10am-3pm
- ♦ Wine & Cheese after the OLR 5pm Mass, all welcome.

#### Sunday 5 Feb: *5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- ♦ First Sunday of the month hospitality in all the communities, all welcome.
- ♦ Children's liturgy.

### Catholic Leader digital pilot project

OLR is one of 5 parishes taking part in a pilot of a new digital delivery model for The Catholic Leader.

What's happening.

- During the 3-month pilot The Catholic Leader will cease newspaper deliveries to our parish. Instead, there will be free access to the digital version of the Leader via a QR Code in the weekly parish bulletin.
- The QR code will take you to a Catholic Leader page with five of the top stories for the week. From there, you will be able to navigate the entire Catholic Leader website for free.
- If you access a parish e-newsletter, there will be a Catholic Leader link that will also take you to the same landing page.

During the pilot project The Catholic Leader team will seek your feedback via a short survey to see how you like the digital delivery.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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

## Parish Diary

#### Monday 30 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

#### Tuesday 31 Jan

*St John Bosco, priest*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

#### Wednesday 1 Feb

(OLR School liturgy) 9am

#### Thursday 2 Feb

*The Presentation of the Lord*

Mass (OLR) 9am

(Currimundi) 9.30am -Liturgy of the Word+Communion

#### Friday 3 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

#### Saturday 4 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

#### Sunday 5 Feb

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

(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

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