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**Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough,  
Little Mountain, Maleny and Unity at Caloundra West.**



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## **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A WEEKEND OF 25/26 FEBRUARY 2023**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading:** Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 **Second Reading:** Rom 5:12-19 **Gospel:** Mt 4:1-11

### **A Heads Up**

When I was given leadership of our parish last year, I committed to leading us into a new season of growth. For many of us though, our experience of church in the past 30-40 years is one of decline and our greatest source of pain is that our children and grandchildren no longer practice the faith we passed on to them. Committing to growth, however, ensures that our hearts are better prepared to discern and receive what the Holy Spirit is asking of us at this time. What's exciting about this new season of growth is that we have an entire workforce of parishioners just waiting to be mobilised and unleashed into the mission-field of our community.

The mission of the Church – which is to say, the mission of both the first Christian and us by virtue of our baptism – was and still is to go and share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church is called to be a light of faith in the community; to go out to reach the world because the world will not come to us. Our Parish and our many parish ministries are a response to that call and exemplify that God's work is being done. This new season of growth will, however, need your support and financial resources.

While our parish broke even last year in what we received versus what we spent, it will be necessary, as we move forward, to grow our budget for evangelisation (accompanying others into a relationship with Jesus). Last year, 4% of our annual income was spent on evangelisation – programs and people taking the Good News from our churches and into the community. This is an okay start, but I would love to see this number grow significantly over the next 12 months. Growing our budget for evangelisation is a direct reflection of our efforts as a parish to perform our primary reason for existing – as Pope Paul VI said in 1975, "The Church exists to evangelise."

Over two consecutive Sundays in a row during Lent, you will be hearing about the theme of **giving** in homilies from Fr Francis and myself. (Unfortunately we have lost Fr Ejikeme for the next month as he's been seconded to Ipswich to assist – but he will be back!). **Giving** is something we don't often hear about in homilies, but did you know that behind the theme of *the Kingdom of God*, charity/money was Jesus' number two topic to talk about. Indeed, 2350 verses in the Bible deal with money while 850 of those deal with personal finances.

Giving is about recognising the blessings God has given us and offering our gratitude to the Lord in return. In giving, we actually transform our own hearts; letting go of what we hold on to in order to receive. I know that for a long time in my life, I pursued happiness through money – particularly working in the mines in WA – but as Viktor Frankl poignantly stated, "We cannot pursue happiness – happiness ensues when we give ourselves away to others."

In discussing giving for two weeks in a row in each community, we will not only normalise this sometimes hot-button topic, but begin to develop a culture of generosity where it's normal to talk about money. If the Gospels and Paul's letters show us one thing, it is that the mission (evangelisation) costs money. Jesus' own missionary activity was funded by generous women – Mary, Joanna, Susanna and others – who faithfully followed him, bankrolling the mission (Luke 8:1-3). Paul, on the other hand, uniquely articulated that the primary benefit and blessing of giving actually belongs to the giver! "For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account" (Philippians 4:16-17).

My prayer over this two-week preaching series is that you will see this as an opportunity to grow in holiness. Yes, we'll be talking about what any extra money will be spent on, but the primary reason for preaching about giving is that it is good for the giver – and what better season to have this conversation than the season of Lent.

May God bless your Lenten journey!

**Fr Josh**

**Hello**, my name is **Sáng Đức Bùi**. I am a 6<sup>th</sup> year seminarian at Holy Spirit Seminary in Banyo and I am studying to become a priest for the Archdiocese of Brisbane. I came to Australia in 2017 at the invitation of Archbishop Mark Coleridge after he visited Vietnam and met with the Vietnamese Bishops and me. My family consists of six people: my parents, two younger brothers, a youngest sister and myself. I grew up in a poor village in the HaTinh province and coming to Australia was the first time I left my homeland Vietnam.



I came here without knowing how to speak any English and the Australian culture was very foreign to me. I spent six months learning English at Australian Catholic University (ACU) and then I spent time in Caloundra for the Christmas seasons in 2017 and 2018. I was accepted into Holy Spirit Seminary and began studies at ACU in 2018. I completed my Bachelor of Theology and Philosophy degree, and I also have commenced the second year of a Masters Degree in Theological Studies.

This year typically marks our year-long internship and we are designated a parish placement chosen by the Seminary and the Archbishop of Brisbane. I come to this parish not just to experience it, but to learn from the experience. Through my internship here at the parish, I hope to understand more about the pastoral tasks of a priest, both spiritually and physically. For example, how a priest humbly exercises power, authority, leadership and is a servant in the mission of the Church. I also look forward to exploring parish activities and parish culture. From Father Josh, Priests and the Parish Staff, to the schools I visit and the parishioners I meet, this experience will be very valuable for me as you will all shape the image I have of the priesthood before I get ordained.

I am very happy to be on pastoral placement here at OLR Parish this year. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you.

***God bless you all, Sáng***

### **Stations of the Cross at OLR Church**

This Lenten season, our weekly Stations of the Cross will take place immediately after 9am Friday Masses **starting next Friday, 3rd March**. Everyone is welcome to join this uniquely Lenten devotional prayer experience.

### **Lenten 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 7 March at 7pm.*

### **Counters Needed**

Do you have an hour to spare on a Monday morning? Do you love to count? We need you! If you think you could spare the time once or twice a month please call Don Rolls on 0407 034 722

### **Caloundra St Vincent de Paul, Bunnings Barbecue**

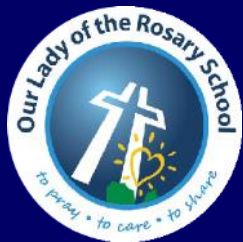
**Saturday 18 March** Please stop by and support our first barbecue this year. Funds raised will be used to support local families.

### **Parish Finance Committee**

All members of the Parish Finance Committee are reminded of your meeting this Tuesday 3.30pm in the Parish office.

### **Lenten Mini-Mission - this will be Livestreamed**

This week Bishop Tim Norton, our new Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane, will lead us for three days – **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9.45am** following morning Mass and a quick cuppa 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.



## **Open Day Wednesday 8th March 2023**

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### **In Transition**

This weekend we welcome **Ruby, Billie & Dusty May** who will be baptised in the OLR church this weekend. We pray for **Aub Tucker** whose funeral will be on Monday at G&W 11am, may his soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

***Rest in Peace.***

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday 26 Feb: *1st Sunday of Lent*

- ♦ Children's liturgy.

### Monday 27 Feb:

- ♦ Craft Group every Monday in the Parish Office Egan room 9-12noon contact Helen McGlynn 0409050722
- ♦ 9.30am Cup of tea followed by Mini Mission with Bishop Tim Norton in OLR church. - **Livestreamed**

### Tuesday 28 Feb:

- ♦ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Dobson room in the Parish Centre from 9-12noon. Call Helen for more information on 0410392526.
- ♦ 9.30am Cup of tea followed by Mini Mission with Bishop Tim Norton in OLR church - **Livestreamed**
- ♦ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am followed by Mass at 9.00am. Stations of the Cross following mass.
- ♦ Maleny Lenten Discussion Group at 1.00pm in Pat Daley Centre.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Bible Study in the Parish Centre every Tuesday 7-9pm

### Wednesday 1 Mar:

- ♦ 9.30am Cup of tea followed by Mini Mission with Bishop Tim Norton in OLR church. - **Livestreamed**
- ♦ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each wk in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ♦ Kingdom Young Adults - 6.00-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Ph Kath Ball 0418187914.

### Thursday 2 Mar:

- ♦ 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 9.40am. New members welcome. Further enquiries please call Helen on 0475 859 215
- ♦ Baptism Preparation in the OLR church 7-8pm.

### Friday 3 Mar:

- ♦ OLR stations of the Cross following 9am Mass on Friday's through Lent.
- ♦ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ♦ Ecumenical World Day of Prayer at 9.30am at Maleny Baptist Church.
- ♦ Ecumenical World Day of Prayer at 9.30am at Salvation Army Church Little Mt (See below for details)
- ♦ Youth group 6pm-8:30pm @ Unity College.

### Saturday 4 Mar:

- ♦ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.
- ♦ Wine & Cheese in the OLR church following mass, all welcome.

### Sunday 5 Mar: *2nd Sunday of Lent*

- ♦ Children's liturgy.
- ♦ Hospitality at all communities.

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

## Parish Diary

### Monday 27 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am  
9.45am Mini Mission (OLR)

### Tuesday 28 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am  
9.45am Mini Mission (OLR)  
Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 1 Mar

7.50am (Unity)  
9am (OLR)  
9.45am Mini Mission (OLR)  
9.30am (Lt Mt)

### Thursday 2 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am  
(Currimundi) 9.30am

### Friday 3 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 4 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 5 Mar

*2nd Sunday of Lent*  
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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the Caloundra Catholic Parish  
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## World Day Of Prayer 2023 – Caloundra

All parishioners are invited to join with the members of five other Christian faiths to celebrate the 2023 World Day of Prayer. WDP has the motto:

***Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.***

This year, the service has been prepared by the WDP Committee of Taiwan with the theme, *"I Have Heard About Your Faith"*.

**VENUE:** - Salvation Army Church, 119 Sugarbag Road, Lt Mountain.

**Date:** - Friday 3 March. **Time:** - 9:30 Morning Tea, 10:00 Prayer Service.

For further information contact Marg - 0459 998 824 or Noreen - 54917051.

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