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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A WEEKEND OF 4/5 FEBRUARY 2023

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Is 58:7-10 Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5 Gospel: Mt 5:13-16

Our Next Step Forward

On Wednesday last week, I had a wonderful discussion with a trusted friend, Vanessa (who is from a different parish), about my experiences in both leading our parish and leading along side others over these past six months – yes, it's been six months already! I was sharing about some of the pressures I've been experiencing (personally) around trying to keep everyone happy. Vanessa, catching me slightly off-guard, quoted the following line from Steve Jobs – the creator of Apple – back at me, **"If you want to make everyone happy, don't be a leader, sell ice cream."**

As a Catholic parish, we're certainly not in the business of selling ice cream, nor should *our* goal or even *my* goal be to simply make everyone happy. We are in the business of piercing hearts in order to change lives. Another way of articulating this is **going out to make disciples** (Mt 28:19). This commandment of Jesus is encapsulated in **our Parish Mission: to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus**. Perhaps, the most challenging aspect of this journey of renewal we have undertaken will be to get used to different ways of thinking about our roles and responsibilities as members of the parish – as well as how we, ourselves, approach a personal relationship with Jesus. This vision for our parish necessitates that each one of us takes up opportunities to facilitate our core business of disciple-making.

I realise that the style or choice of language, like I've described here above, may be challenging, confronting, or even difficult to assimilate to because of the way some of us may have been brought up in our faith. Not many of us – myself included – heard about lay-leadership, making disciples, and personal relationships with Jesus in our childhoods. I left home aged 18 years, a cradle Catholic, having absolutely zero appreciation of things like this. However, it's from **God's love for all people** that we, too, receive the obligation and vigour to be missionary disciples; it's the Holy Spirit, whom we experience through relationship with Jesus, who empowers us in this mission.

It is precisely because the laity are entrusted by God with the role of disciple-making that lay-leadership in parish communities is necessary. My role as pastor is most certainly unsustainable without your assistance.

Our next step forward, therefore, will be identifying and investing in key areas of leadership. We already have six leadership teams in place who are developing the six key ministry areas of our strategic plan that we, as a parish, have identified: **Children & Families, Youth & Young Adults, Faith & Formation, Worship, Community Life and Service & Outreach**. While we will continue to invest in these leaders, we also have eleven different worshipping communities across eight different centres of worship to insert into the matrix.

Our next step forward – given the complex nature of our Coastal and Hinterland parish – is to identify and institute two people in every **worshipping community** for a defined term of leadership in their community (this already happens in different ways in many of our worshipping communities). Collectively, these leaders will meet periodically with myself and other key leaders to collaborate and institute key disciple-making opportunities in their communities. The beauty of this model is that it will work across each community according to the gifts and demographic of each community. For example, it is unlikely that our two retirement village Mass communities will be investing human resources in the area of Youth & Young Adults.

In a few weeks I will be calling for nominations to lead your worshipping community. Information will be provided which outlines the role and responsibilities of community leaders. It is important that **your leaders** are nominated by you based upon their skills, gifts and talents to lead. Please also **pray** about who the Holy Spirit might be calling to leadership – maybe you are being called. Pray that the Spirit may move their hearts to joyfully accept your nomination.

With every peace and blessing of God, Fr Josh

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.

Word of God Sunday

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

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Date Claimer for Lenten Mini-Mission (only 4 weeks away).

While we are still in the season of Ordinary Time, Lent looms large with Ash Wednesday on 22nd 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 27th, Tuesday 28th February and Wednesday 1st 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.

Sacristans and Pastoral Care Ministers of Communion.

Thank you for your assistance in updating our Parish records during this past week. Each Sunday Mass throughout the parish has a special folder containing a form for Pastoral Care Ministers attending that Mass to record your name, contact number and the name of the person/people to whom you are taking communion on any day of the week. We would greatly appreciate it if you would record this information when you perform this ministry until Sunday 25 February please. For any inquiries, please email olrpastoralcare@bne.catholic.net.au or call Vivienne on 0409 897 673 or Marg on 0459 998 824. Thank you, the Pastoral Care Team.

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

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday during the school term at the 9am Maleny and 9:30am Caloundra Masses, all younger members of our Parish Family are invited to a special **Children's Liturgy of the Word**. All are welcome.

The Little Black Books are back!

Next weekend we will have the little black books available **for \$2 each**. They will be available in all the communities. The Little Black Books are a prayerful resource to help you pray through Lent.

The next Ladies Lunch

The next ladies lunch will be at 12 noon on Friday 17th February at Thai Lime Twist 24 Minchinton Street Caloundra. Could you please contact Deborah (0410532901) by Monday 13th February if you would like to attend so we can confirm numbers. All ladies are very welcome

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

In Transition

We pray for **Jenny Bylicki, Beth Davidson & Chantal Farrugia** who died last week and their funerals will be on Wednesday at Gregson & Weight, Friday at OLR and the following Tuesday at G&W respectively. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

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

Monday 6 Feb:

- ◆ Craft Group every Monday in the Parish Office Egan room 9-12noon contact Helen McGlynn 0409050722
- ◆ Adoration/Benediction 9.30-10.30am OLR Church.
- ◆ 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 7 Feb:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies Meeting with morning tea at 9.30am, meeting at 10.00am in the 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 8 Feb:

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ OLR Men's Sharing Group 10am-11:30am in the Parish Centre meeting rooms. Please call John 0416154144 for details.
- ◆ Maleny cards at 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.
- ◆ Kingdom Young Adults (18-35) 6.00-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Ph Kath Ball 0418187914 for enquiries.

Thursday 9 Feb:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.

Friday 10 Feb:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Spirituality Group will meet in the OLR Parish Centre Egan room 9.45am-12noon, all welcome.

Saturday 11 Feb:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

Sunday 12 Feb: *6th 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 6 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 7 Feb

St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 8 Feb

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

(OLR School liturgy) 9am

Thursday 9 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

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

Friday 10 Feb

St Scholastica, virgin

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 11 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 12 Feb

6th 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

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Read With Me

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



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