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## **6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A WEEKEND OF 11/12 FEBRUARY 2023**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Sir 15:15-20 Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10 Gospel: Mt 5:17-37**

## **Living Excellence**

What is your relationship with the Law? What is your relationship with Christian dogma? Do you approach them in the same way?

Law plays a prominent part in our culture. On a weekly basis, we hear of powerful laws passed to stop people and institutions behaving in negative ways. We also celebrate laws that are introduced/ amended to empower disadvantaged members of our society. It is always in the news.

On the other hand, a not uncommon attitude towards the law is to ask: how much can someone get away with? What is the "legal limit", "is it illegal if....". This approach to law has its roots in the thought of certain philosophers from medieval times. This approach to civil law also seeps into the Christian vision of life: "am I not good enough?", "That sounds a bit radical..." and so on.

One ancient approach to laws was to treat them as a thing that put people on the path towards excellence. The same God who gives the laws in the Old Testament, gives us the Son Jesus Christ. And this Christ today says He has not come to abolish the law, but to complete them. He takes the traditional laws around murder, etc. and expands upon them. He offers areas for growth - for excellence - for otherwise "law-abiding citizens".

This theme is a rather fitting one given we are now less than two weeks away from Lent. It is not a bad time to begin examining our lives and searching for places to grow or at least begin the journey towards excellence.

Rather than the usual giving up of some luxury, Pope Francis suggested the following for Lent in 2020: give up "useless words, gossip, rumours, tittle-tattle" and start "[speaking] to God on a first name basis". He also said, "We live in an atmosphere polluted by too much verbal violence, too many offensive and harmful words, which are amplified by the internet," he said. "Today, people insult each other as if they were saying 'Good Day.'"

Pope Francis alludes to another reason we need to grow in excellence towards Christians: the little indulgences we afford ourselves sow the seeds for greater sins: think how mere anger, here and overseas, has been exploited over the past few years for political or legislative agendas. Think on how lust fuels whole industries built upon the trafficking or exploitation of people.

Think also how insults have almost come to define online conversations around sensitive issues to the extent that people grow further apart and more ignorant of the concerns at play. Suddenly little indulgences seem to give birth to beasts far bigger than themselves. I am reminded here of a passage from the book of Sirach:

<sup>11</sup> A hasty quarrel kindles a fire,  
and a hasty dispute sheds blood.  
<sup>12</sup> If you blow on a spark, it will glow;  
if you spit on it, it will be put out;  
yet both come out of your mouth.  
<sup>13</sup> Curse the gossips and the double-tongued,  
for they destroy the peace of many.  
*Sirach 28:11-13*

Friends, as you begin discerning the areas of life requiring a growth towards excellence, may the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom and zeal.

*God bless, Fr. Francis*

**Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.**



### Annual Parish Women's Retreat

Last Saturday 85 women from three different Parishes came together to pray, share, and listen to "*An Encounter With Jesus*". This one-day retreat was presented by Evangelisation Brisbane employees, Lisa McKerr and Chantale Wilson, and began with Mass celebrated by Father Josh – which set the scene for the day.

We spent time in reflection, discussion and personal prayer time, and were nourished spiritually and physically.

The catering was prepared by the Caloundra Women's Prayer and Friendship Group and lovingly served by some husbands and several men from the parish Men's Group. We were very grateful for the assistance as this allowed the woman to participate fully in the retreat.

The highlights of the day were the friendships that were made and the connections to women of other Parishes.

The faith building of the women of various ages present – the eldest being 95 – was almost palatable!

We came from all backgrounds and different stages of our faith journeys, but we gelled together in perfect harmony.



The day was an outstanding success and we look forward to welcoming even more women next year in our annual retreat.

**Vivienne Cooper and Julie Gerhardt**



### 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 (0410531901) by Monday 13th February if you would like to attend so we can confirm numbers. All ladies are very welcome

### Kingdom Youth Launch 2023

Youth group is back on Friday 17 February from 6pm – 8:30pm in the Unity College Auditorium for all teenagers in Years 7 – 12 from around our community! Donuts, pizza, slushies, fun games, new friends, and more. Our theme this year is *Jesus, Transform Me*, and we are focusing on how faith and a relationship with Jesus can change our lives in the very best ways! All those registered before the night will go in the running to win some cool prizes, including a speaker and more. Register your child via the QR code.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Felicity on [kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au).

KINGDOM YOUTH LAUNCH PARTY  
2023



### The Little Black Books are here!

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### In Transition

This weekend we welcome **Caleb & Anneliese Walls** who will be baptised in the OLR church this weekend.

We pray for **Anthony Commerford** who died last week and his funerals was at Gregson & Weight last Thursday. May his soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

**Rest in Peace.**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**Sunday 12 Feb:** *6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.

**Monday 13 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.

**Tuesday 14 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.
- ◆ 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 15 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.
- ◆ Adoration in the OLR Church 6.30-8.30pm. All welcome

**Thursday 16 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. Further enquiries please contact Helen on 0475 859 215

**Friday 17 Feb:**

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

**Saturday 18 Feb:**

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

### A Special Invitation

At this time of the year, we are often busy getting back into routine after a lengthy holiday period! In Lent, our parish offers a special evening of quiet prayer in the style of Taizé. Short mantra-like songs can refresh us in body, mind and spirit. Through gentle repetition, the meaning of the words gradually penetrates our whole being. In song and silence, we can listen more deeply. These simple chants allow us the light of Christ to shine on our lives as we journey together towards Easter.

*Come and relax in this beautiful prayer at OLR on Tuesday 7 March at 7pm.*

### YA Social Night

All young adults (18+) are invited to join us for a fun night out with new friends from the Maroochydore Parish! Join us on *Saturday 25 February* from 6pm at The Savvy Squire, Mooloolaba. All are welcome, please bring friends! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to talk to Kath Ball or Felicity.

### Into His Likeness

A course where we discover our calling to be perfected in God's love & transformed in Christ. **Only six places remain** available for 7pm-8:30pm session at Parish Centre, Dobson Room. Commencing Ash Wednesday 22 February for six Wednesdays. All other venues are fully booked. To register: contact [johnmanion@optusnet.com.au](mailto:johnmanion@optusnet.com.au) For enquiries: ph 0416 154 144

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

## Parish Diary

**Monday 13 Feb**

Mass (OLR) 9am

**Tuesday 14 Feb**

*Sts Cyril, monk, and Methodius*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

**Wednesday 15 Feb**

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

(OLR School liturgy) 9am

**Thursday 16 Feb**

Mass (OLR) 9am

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

**Friday 17 Feb**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

**Saturday 18 Feb**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

**Sunday 19 Feb**

*7th 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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