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**Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough,
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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A WEEKEND OF 18/19 MARCH 2023

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 **Second Reading:** Eph 5:8-14 **Gospel:** Jn 9:1-41

Are you inadequate enough for God to work through you?

The Bible loves a good underdog story. Moses, Gideon, David, Daniel, to name a few, were underdogs. When they aren't underdogs, the Bible loves a prophet with the odds stacked against them – think Jeremiah, Elijah or Timothy. When they don't have the odds stacked against them, the Bible loves a character with a weakness, think Sampson or Paul with his "thorn". This is the pattern of our lives.

Often God seems to call these characters even when more apt characters seem available. God seems to delight in empowering his people. God seems to delight in upending worldly standards making his glory shine through from unexpected people – "Isn't this the carpenter's son?" The Bible has no tolerance for supposedly perfect messiah figures. Even Jesus undergoes the humiliations of baptism, of obscurity, of suffering and of death in order to fulfil God's saving work. In this weekend's first reading, David – a boy – is chosen by God to hold a pivotal role in the salvation history of his people. The prophet Samuel is shocked but God corrects him: "people look at the appearance; God looks at the heart".

As then, so now, God looks at the heart – your heart and mine. Are you too young? Good. Too old? Good. Not mobile? Good. Too busy? Good. Given up on this generation? Good. Going through a lot? Good. Not holy enough? Good. Not extroverted enough? Good. Not introverted enough? Good. Can't stand in front of a small crowd? Good.... How long shall I make this litany? God is calling us forward – I should say loving us forward – into his work of salvation, his great adventure. He delights in the young David, and he delights in us. Are you inadequate enough for God's tenderness to cover you and for His glory to shine through you?

We are now hurtling full speed towards the launch of the strategic plan at Pentecost. How have you chosen, or will you choose, to get involved (with all your inadequacies)? Where in this tapestry of God's work on the Sunshine Coast will you be? If we turn up, God can work with that. Let it not be asked of you and me: "[on the day of battle...] why did you tarry among the sheepfolds?" (Jdg. 6:12-16). A psalmist today might have asked, "Why did you tarry among the pews, once the strategic plan was underway?"

Friends, like the blind man, at some point Christ comes to us and puts his love upon our heart. We feel it and we don't look at the world in the same way again. We cannot un-see and un-feel Christ with us. The tell-tale sign of this encounter with Christ is the incessant desire to tell everyone else about it – think of the apostles going across the globe after their three years with Christ.

So where do you see your faith in this Sunday's Gospel? Do you feel like the blind man seated with hands out: maybe your hands are out to receive communion, but there is not yet a reaching out to others seeking Christ. Are you, like the man in the Gospel, up and about – you've encountered Christ but wonder "what now?" Or are you like the man saying to others "He opened my eyes and now I see!" "I encountered him in a new way and now I cannot un-see!" "I see the same world with its triumphs and sorrows, nonetheless, I see God in the midst of it!" Like the Pharisees, there are voices today who say, "This man cannot have come from God!" If he were not from God, he would not be among us and we would not have encountered him anew each day. Have you encountered him? Are you willing to help others encounter him?

In the strategic plan, the groundwork is now almost laid for our "Yes" or at least our own encounter with Christ. May God strengthen you and me to respond to his call.

**God bless,
Fr. Francis**



14th April
9 am - 5 pm

**Our Lady of the Rosary
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Gifts Workshop is on next Saturday - have you RSVP?

Presented by: The Mission Team of CCR Brisbane

At OLR Caloundra on Saturday, 25th March, 2023 following Mass at 9.30am – 4pm
Lunch, morning & afternoon tea provided.

Please register for catering purposes to Dorothy 0403 175 714 or dorothykay49@gmail.com
A love offering will be taken.

Kingdom Youth

We're headed to the movies! Our final youth night of the term is next Friday 24 March. We will gather at the Strand Cinema, Caloundra at 6pm sharp for a 6:15pm start. The cost is \$15 on the night at the door and this will get you a ticket, popcorn, and a drink. The movie is Shazam 2. All children in years 7-12 are welcome.

Please email Felicity for a permission form. See you there!

Kingdom YA

Our young adults have started a new initiative - we're getting on the road! We will be travelling around to the different parishes in the hope of making relationships and reaching out to new people. We recently visited Landsborough and shared a lovely morning and breakfast with parishioners. We look forward to visiting all our communities and promoting events that will bring our young adults together and into a supported faith environment.

Term 2 Confirmation

Confirmation for all baptised children from grade 3 or older are welcome to make their confirmation in Term 2.

The program starts on *Thursday 27th April 5-6pm in the OLR Church.*

The program concludes with the Confirmation ceremony on Friday 9th June.

You will need to attend all sessions to be able to complete the sacrament.

Stella Maris Parish Maroochydore is running the same program a day apart so you are welcome to attend there or here. To register you need to go to our website <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/confirmation/>

Complete the registration form, sign by both parents and attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate.

Please note you will have to do it from your computer, mobile phones don't work. Any questions don't hesitate to contact the Parish office on caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



Vinnies 3-day Book and Plant Sale is on next week!

This annual St Vincent de Paul fundraising event will be held at the Kawana Catholic Community Centre, Nanyima Street, Buddina (opposite the Kawana Library) on

Friday 24th & Saturday 25th March from 8am–3pm and on Sunday 26th March from 9am–1pm.

ALL proceeds go to assisting the St Vincent de Paul Society in continuing to support and give a hand up to those going through difficult times due to homelessness, domestic violence, continual increase in cost of living and high rental costs. All our Vinnies volunteers look forward to welcoming you. So come and grab yourself a bargain.

For more information call Maria on 5478 2954

In Transition

We pray for **Bernard Fienberg, Paul Lehane & Beryl Fitzgerald** whose funerals will be at OLR 23rd March 11am, G&W, 24th March 1pm and a Memorial Mass will be on the 30th March 11am in the OLR church respectively, may their soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 19 Mar: *4th Sunday of Lent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.

Monday 20 Mar:

- ◆ Adoration/Benediction 9.30-10.30am OLR Church.
- ◆ Craft Group every Monday in the Parish Office Egan room 9-12noon contact Helen McGlynn 0409050722
- ◆ RCIA Program 6-7pm in the OLR Dobson room.
- ◆ 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 21 Mar:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Dobson room in the Parish Centre from 9-12noon. Call Helen for more information on 0410392526.
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass at 9.00am followed by Stations of the Cross.
- ◆ Maleny Lenten Discussion Group at 1.00pm 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 22 Mar:

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week - OLR Egan room 10-12noon.
- ◆ Kawana Catholic Women's League meeting at 11am at The Good Shepherd Centre.
- ◆ Maleny cards at 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Thursday 23 Mar:

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

Friday 24 Mar:

- ◆ Kawana Book & Plant stall at the Kawana Community Centre 8am-3pm.
- ◆ OLR stations of the Cross following 9am Mass on Fridays through Lent.
- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Youth group 6pm @ the movies in Caloundra.

Saturday 25 Mar:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.
- ◆ Kawana Book & Plant stall at the Kawana Community Centre 8am-3pm.

Sunday 26 Mar: *5th Sunday of Lent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.
- ◆ Kawana Book & Plant stall at the Kawana Community Centre 9am-1pm.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 20 Mar

*St Joseph,
spouse of the blessed virgin Mary*
Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 21 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 22 Mar

Mass (Unity) 7.50am
(OLR School liturgy) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 23 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 24 Mar

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

Saturday 25 Mar

The Annunciation of the Lord
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 26 Mar

5th 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

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