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## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A WEEKEND OF 1/2 APRIL 2023**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Is 50:4-7 Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: Mt 26:14-27:66**

## ***TRIUMPHANTLY, LIFE IS GIVEN***

*Palm Sunday is a feast that is celebrated on a Sunday before Easter. It is a feast that commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week. It is the last week of our solemn season of Lent that precedes the arrival of Eastertide. Palm Sunday is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches representing the palm branches which the crowd scattered in front of Christ as he rode as a King into Jerusalem.*

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowd welcomed Jesus waving palm branches and began to sing his praises as they shouted out, *Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.* Triumphantly, he marched towards his death which he was not afraid of. He had a mission in his life and that was to save the world through his death. We are born to live but Jesus was born to die for us. Death was for him a goal which he was pursuing, a treasure which he was searching.

***Through his death, he gave us life.***

What can we learn from Jesus passion and death at this challenging time of ours? Jesus certainly knows our pain and the heavy load that we all bear. The sacrifices we make, however, he saves our life as well as the lives of others. We do not suffer alone, but Jesus too suffers along with us. We are more united in prayer and solidarity for each other. Like Jesus, may we place our complete trust in God's mercy and wisdom, with the confidence that God will give us the grace to get through our struggles.

Those that take Christ for their King, must lay their all under his feet. Hosanna signifies, Save now, we beseech thee! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord! But of how little value is the applause of the people. The changing multitude join the cry of the day, whether it be Hosanna, or Crucify him. Multitudes often seem to approve the Gospel, but few become consistent disciples. When Jesus came into Jerusalem all the city was moved; some perhaps were moved with joy, who waited for the consolation of Israel; others, of the Pharisees, were moved with envy. So various are the motions in the minds of men upon the approach of Christ's kingdom.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be. During this busy week of prayer, liturgies and ceremonies, let us not lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in. As we begin this most holy of weeks, may Jesus be our constant companion. May we enter in the mystery of Jesus' life, death and resurrection with faith and hope.

Get yourself ready to receive the Lord with songs of Hosannas.

***Happy Palm Sunday,  
Fr. Ejikeme***

## Thank you 😊

Dear one and all,

Over the last month, Fr Francis and I have completed a two-week preaching series on **sacrificial giving**. This was a first for both of us and I so wanted say a sincere "thank you" for the way you received these homilies – as well as the printed financial information and invitation to use a direct debit form or the Parish Giving App. Thank you for that way many of you have already responded to the invitation to make a prayerful increase to your giving – remembering that the fruit of giving lies primarily with the giver. The secondary fruit of your giving will be a significant increase in our parish's ability to invest in our Mission: To be a vibrant parish that actively accompanies people into relationship with Jesus. I am convinced that with a generous buy-in from each and every giver in the parish, we will be well equipped to finance the mission and begin growing our parish. Further information on giving in our parish can be found on our website: <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/donate/> With thanks and God's richest blessings, Fr Josh.



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

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### Hospitality this weekend

#### Saturday 1st April

Stay for Wine & Cheese  
after 5pm Mass at OLR  
All welcome.

#### Sunday 2nd April

Being the first weekend of the month most communities will have a cuppa after Mass.

If your community is having a cuppa, you are welcome to stay and join them.

### Sharing the Chalice

It is with gratitude and joy to share with you the news that we will soon reintroduce reception of Jesus' Precious Blood from the chalice at Holy Communion. After a consultation with an infectious disease expert, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has received the encouragement to resume normal practices as much as possible due to the fact that "Covid will remain part of the human viral ecology for the foreseeable future."

For our parish, we have decided to begin offering the chalice from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, 6/7th May. In order to prepare for this, **training for community leaders will be offered at the OLR Parish Centre Egan Room at 9.30am on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**. This training aims to empower at least one person from each of our Masses to go forth and train other extraordinary ministers. Between now and then, if you are interested in becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion please leave your name and contact details with your community leader and/or Mass coordinator.



### Planning support for the Voice.

Members of the Catholic, Anglican and Uniting Churches met with the Sunshine Coast Reconciliation Group Inc. in the Dobson Room on 17<sup>th</sup> March to exchange plans on how to support the Voice in the coming referendum.

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has already committed to an Indigenous Voice and said "I'm strongly committed to the Voice. I've listened to important and convincing indigenous voices on this topic." More information will be provided by the Archbishop later this year and there will be the opportunity to find out more about the issues.

### Attention all Volunteers

Due to Covid - **Compulsory** Safeguarding training had been delayed and **is now due to be completed by all volunteers.**

You can view the two below links at home in your own time and email us when you have completed the viewing. There will be forms that need to be signed as well.

#### Safeguarding Essentials

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA\\_4Ls2jw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOHA_4Ls2jw&feature=youtu.be)

#### Safeguarding Training

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8AASkl-Sr1A&feature=youtu.be>

For those of you who can't view the online training at home, are welcome to come to the OLR parish on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 9am in the OLR church** and we will set up the screens for viewing.

Any questions don't hesitate to email the Parish Office [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)  
The Pastoral Care training that was going to be this date will be postponed till after Easter date to be confirmed.

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

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

## **A Warm Welcome**

School holidays have started!

To everyone joining us while on holidays, whether you are travelling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration today. Keep safe on the roads.

**Please note there will be No Mass on -**

- Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 5/6/7 April at Unity, Currimundi & OLR there will be no morning Mass.
- Saturday 8th April Easter Saturday, No Morning Mass.
- No Unity Mass Wednesday 12th & 19th April.

## **Triduum Practice for OLR church Ceremonies**

**Triduum Ceremonies - sacristans and all volunteers & ministers**  
we are having a *run through of Triduum ceremonies* on

***Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> April at 11am OLR church.***

## **Catholic Leader now digital**



The Catholic Leader trial for digital copies has now finished.

**Could we please have feedback if you prefer the digital form or paper form.**

Please email the parish office for a **Yes or No** for digital. The Catholic Leader would like feedback.

## **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

## **Date Claimer in Maleny**

Maleny Catholic Ladies are having a

Fashion Parade and morning tea on Friday, 5th May  
commencing 9.30am in Pat Daley Centre.

Tickets are \$25 each including 5 raffle tickets, they are available  
by phoning Rose 0400550007 or Chris 0490065607

## **Holy Week**

## **Easter Mass Times**

**Monday 3 April**

Mass (OLR) 9am

**Tuesday 4 April**

Mass (OLR) 9am

**1st Rite of Reconciliation (Maleny) 8.30am**

Mass (Maleny) 9am

**Wednesday 5 April**

**NO MASS at Unity during School holidays**

**Holy Thursday 6 April**

**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass (OLR) 6pm

Mass (Maleny) 6pm

**Good Friday 7 April**

**Stations of the Cross 10am**

Caloundra

Maleny

Beerwah

**Veneration of the Cross 3pm**

**Currimundi 10am**

Little Mountain

Caloundra

Kawana

Landsborough

**Easter Vigil Saturday 8 April**

**NO MORNING MASS**

Mass (OLR) 6pm

Mass (Beerwah) 6pm

**Easter Sunday 9 April**

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

**Easter Monday 10 April**

**Parish office is closed**

Mass (OLR) 9am



## **Golden Jubilee Commemorative Wines**

Are you looking for that special Easter gift?

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## Kingdom Youth Recap – Term 1

We have had a super exciting start to the year with our high school youth group, Kingdom Youth. Our launch night at the start of Term 1, brought in 80 students from Years 7–12, and we have had between 60–70 students back each week since 2023 launch night.

Our theme for this year is “Jesus, Transform Me,” and this term we focused on how we can be transformed in mind, heart, and soul, if we choose to invest time in having a personal relationship with Jesus. Students have heard input each week from our very own youth leaders, Fr Josh, and guest speaker, Peter Munns, from Ignite Youth in Brisbane. They have participated in various prayer opportunities and sung their hearts out in praise and worship. The youth band continues to grow, as do the students interested in youth leadership, who are taking on the responsibilities of running the games, activities, leading small groups, and more.

A BIG thank you to the OLR ladies prayer & friendship group who continue to provide our Friday night dinners. Table fellowship is such an important part of our ministry, and we are so grateful to be supported by them in this way. Another huge thank you to our adult youth leaders who offer up their time each Friday night to journey alongside our students. We have a very special group of ten young adults volunteers who consistently give of themselves and for that we are forever grateful. Thank you also to Fr Francis who has been an ongoing support and presence.

Most recently, we took 60 of our youth to the local cinema as an end-of-term social night. We were pleased to hear from the cinema that they were one of the best school groups they have had!

It is a joy and a privilege to continue to walk with these teens as they explore faith and navigate life. Term 2 is already looking full of more excitement! Please continue to pray for us as the year goes on.

May you feel the joy and love of the Easter season. **Take care, Felicity Youth Minister**

## Divine Mercy Sunday - 16th April

Jesus revealed to a Polish nun, St Faustina Kowalska, His infinite love for all of humanity. He asked her to spread devotion to His Divine Mercy. Pope St. John Paul II instituted the Feast of Divine Mercy in response to our Lord's requests. We are asked to trust in the mercy of Jesus, to venerate His Sacred image and to pray for mercy for all those in need, whether spiritual or physical. Please join us at **St Joseph's Parish 177 Currie St Nambour** for the celebration of this feast day at 2pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Confessions, 3pm Holy Mass and veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.

The following program is proposed for the day:

- 2pm – Sacrament of reconciliation: Fr Odinaka.
  - 2pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Dcn Adrian
  - 2pm – Rosary – Dcn Adrian – Dcn Adrian
  - 2:35pm – Divine Praises and Benediction – Dcn Adrian
  - 2:40pm – Repose Blessed Sacrament – Dcn Adrian
  - 2:45pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet – Dcn Adrian
  - 3pm – Mass: Fr Odinaka (Homily Dcn Adrian)
- Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image following Mass – Dcn Adrian

## Alpha Course

A new Alpha course is commencing on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 9.30am.**

This course is a series of interactive sessions that create a safe and honest space where people can explore life, faith and meaning. Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Elaine for more information mb 0455736877 or [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com)

## Handy man needed

We are looking for a handy man who can assist with the odd jobs around the parish.

This may include activities such as maintaining, fixing or advising on the care for our parish's property.

If you can assist, please email the parish office

[caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

We will assist you in terms of any paperwork required e.g. blue card, police check etc.

## Bible Studies in May

There will be a new study starting in May: 'Jesus Christ, Teacher, Servant and Saviour'. We hope to expand our groups, and our numbers, and look forward to hearing from you. Cost is \$13 for the guide book, which has 13 sessions. There are 4 groups currently operating, for further details, please see the Parish website, or call Caroline Kettle on 0435 828 092.

## Term 2 Confirmation

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 please 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. Any questions don't hesitate to contact the Parish office [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

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