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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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## **2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A WEEKEND OF 15/16 APRIL 2023**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:3-9 Gospel: Jn 20:19-31**

## **Community Leadership Call for Prayer and Discernment**

Easter blessings to you and your family!!

Friends, the essence of the resurrection – if we were to capture it in several words – is the Good News that Jesus is risen and in our midst, but this news is inseparable from the beautifully powerful command to *go* and *tell* this Good News to others. Indeed, every baptized person has this call and vocation given to him or her by God.

Regular reception of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist strengthens our member in the Body of Christ called the Church; it also magnifies the rights and obligations we receive at baptism to become missionary-disciples. It can't be overstated how crucial it is that we recover this awareness in our Church and actively live it out in our lives. Paul's imagery of the Body in 1 Corinthians 12 is key here: "As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'" (12:15-21). He also tells the Ephesians that God's gifts "were ...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God" (4:11-13).

Multiple Church documents and many Popes have explored the role of the laity in significant depth, including the Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos. 897-913, 'The Lay Faithful'), Pope Benedict XVI's letter of 2012 on the Co-responsibility of the Laity, Pope Saint John Paul II's beautiful 1988 exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, as well as *Lumen Gentium* (the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) and *Apostolicam Actuositatem* (the Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity), documents from Vatican II.

For our present purposes, the message could hardly be clearer: lay people are full members of this Body of Christ, the Church, and have a beautiful co-responsibility alongside priests and religious as active agents of our Church's evangelising mission: to be in and bring others into relationship with Jesus Christ.

Over the past six months, it has become clear that in order to become a parish that actively accompanies others to encounter Jesus, we need lay leaders. In a parish like ours, with its multiple venues, schools and Mass communities, it is vital that we create a *leadership structure* that informs and supports every single parishioner to feel included and fully part of the parish and our mission. Your prayer and discernment is invited as we seek to identify lay leaders who will make up the *Faith Communities Council*.

Over the next six weeks as we journey towards Pentecost and the launch of our parish's Strategic Plan, Our Lady of the Rosary Parish is **inviting your prayer and active discernment to identify lay leaders who will make up the Faith Communities Council**. Discernment is the means by which we discover God's will for us and requires reflection, prayer, dialogue and letting Scripture speak to us. We have a dream that our Faith Communities Council will consist of local community leaders on fire for the mission of the parish.

While excellent lay leadership happens in many of our parish communities already, this Council will exist to facilitate the communication and implementation of the parish's Strategic Plan across all worship communities within the parish. Members of the Council will help to place evangelisation at the center of our parish. We ask that you, and every single member of our parish, prays for the Holy Spirit to call forth women and men with the charism of leadership at this time. Come Holy Spirit.

*Peace and Easter blessings, Fr Josh  
and the Senior Leadership Team*

### Thank you and Buona Pasqua

To every person who lent a hand in preparing our Easter Liturgies, a grateful parish says **"thank you."** Thank you to those who began preparing the music and liturgy run-sheets several months ago. To those who organised rosters and personnel, those who practiced, played, sang, served, decorated, and directed: thank you. We say cheers to the people who worked behind the scenes and we're grateful to those who proclaimed the Word, projected the words and prayed the words. And finally, thank you to those who simply turned up and added to the Body of Christ!

### Morning Tea this Sunday

Holy Cross Funerals are inviting you all to Morning tea this Sunday 16th April at OLR to meet and greet with the team from Holy Cross Funerals.

After 9.30am Mass please stay and join in morning tea.

All are welcome. [info@holycrossfunerals.com](mailto:info@holycrossfunerals.com)



### 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.

### 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.



### 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)

### Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be at Thirsty Beaver, Otranto Avenue, Caloundra on **Friday, 21st April, at 12 noon.** All ladies are welcome. If you would like to attend please contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday, 17th April, to confirm numbers.

### 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)

### 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.

### In Transition

This weekend we welcome **Harlow Borak & Izac Sharp** who will be baptised in the OLR & OLW churches this weekend.

We pray for **Margaret & James Tully** who died last week and their funerals will be at G&W on Friday 14th April 11am, may their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

### 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

### Friends at Court - Volunteers needed

Friends at Court at Caloundra courthouse require additional volunteers.

They assist individuals attending Caloundra Court on Wednesday, Thursdays  
and Fridays for approximately 2hrs each day.

This would suit retirees and training will be provided.  
If you would like further information or are interested  
please call Kevin on 0457290396

### Kingdom Youth

Hope you all had a great two week holiday. Our youth group will recommence the  
2nd week of term 2. So come along on Friday the 28th April at Unity College  
from 6-8.30pm for all in years 7-12 for our launch party.

### Save the Date!



Hours of Grace will be from  
Friday 26th to Sunday 28th May.  
More details will follow

If you can lay down at night,  
knowing in your heart, that  
you made someone's day just  
a little bit better, you know  
you had a good day.



### Explore your hidden talent!

Jude's Art Class are back on every  
Wednesday 10am-12noon in the Parish  
Centre (Egan room) call Jude for further  
details on 0421 777 508.



### Activities for the week at Maleny church

#### Tuesday 11 April

- Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, followed by Mass at 9.00am

#### 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 five raffle tickets, they are available by phoning Rose 0400550007 or Chris 0490065607

**Grief Support:** If you are experiencing grief through the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship or a major life change of any kind, and you feel that the Grief Support team can be of assistance to you or a family member, please contact the Parish office or email Kath on [olrgriefsupp@gmail.com](mailto:olrgriefsupp@gmail.com) with your details so a support person can contact you. All contact is treated with utmost confidentiality.

### Safeguarding News

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As a Parish family we would like to congratulate  
*Benjamin Walker & Samantha Brill*  
who will be married this weekend in Maleny.

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

## Parish Diary

### Monday 17 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Tuesday 18 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 19 April

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 20 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### Friday 21 April

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 22 April

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 23 April

*3rd Sunday of Easter*

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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Mass go to the Caloundra  
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