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**6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A-13/14 MAY 2023**

## Proper of the Mass

**First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:15-18 Gospel: Jn 14:15:21**

## ***Being stretched by our love for Christ.***

There are a couple of times in the gospels when Jesus says things that might seem to ruin a sentimental moment between him and followers. At one point he says "you are my friends if you do what I command you" Today he says: "If you love me, keep my commandments". Doing what someone commands isn't exactly the first idea people have of proving friendship. If anything, it seems to be the opposite of a friendship!

But this is no ordinary friendship. Friendship with the Son of God means being in relationship with the one "through whom we were made" and the one who desires to redeem and perfect his creation. It means to be in relationship with the one who ultimately desires to be all in all (1 Cor 15:28).

The dissonance between God wanting our perfection, wanting us to become saintly and God like – and us wanting to settle for second best or worse, settle for what we are, becomes the cause of our enmity with God.

The Gospel then offers good news: keeping Jesus' commands is a path to receiving the Holy Spirit into our lives. A helper is given to help us to get to our destination for sainthood, of Godliness.

Becoming like God, or having union with God, or, enjoying friendship with God – what is that to you? The parish has been very explicit about the centrality of each of us having a personal relationship, a friendship with Christ. What does "loving" Christ look like?

One of the ways that our love for Christ grows is in prayer. Do we get enough of this? And when we pray do we come away feeling like we spent time with Christ building friendship? To borrow St. Ignatius' maxim, did the activity of praying increase our faith, hope and love?

The Becoming-like-God is not only a consequence of listening to the command – it *is* the command. The weekend's Gospel leaves out the previous verse which says "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for their friends. IF we love Jesus, we will love one another, to the point of self-sacrifice.

For some of us loving others and self-sacrifice may mean charity or volunteering, for others loving and sacrificing ourselves is to share our faith. What does loving to the point of self-sacrifice look like in your life? The answer to this question is the difference between doing the bare minimum, or being on that journey of being pruned and remoulded into the image of Christ.

To those of us who take up the command to be Christ-like in our loving, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit. He knows it is not always easy. How regularly do we pray to the Holy Spirit for help?

As we move closer and closer to the launch of the strategic plan, I ask us again: have you gotten involved in a ministry? What will be your way of "loving others as [Jesus] has loved you?" What will be your loving to the point of *needing* assistance from the Holy Spirit. What will be your way of loving to the point of being *stretched into the image of God*? God forbid we should only settle for the easy. How can the Holy Spirit's power be manifested in our lives if we can do it ourselves? There will be no need for a helper!

I began by saying that Jesus' words would appear to deflate any sentiment in combining loving with command. Perhaps I have presumed upon how he spoke those words. Perhaps his words were spoken with full tenderness and care. The motet in the QR code below captures something of that tenderness with its deep warm sounds. Best to listen to it through a good pair of speakers or headphones! The lyrics are drawn from today's gospel: "*If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; E'en the spirit of truth. May the Holy Spirit help and strengthen you for our journey ahead.*"

***Blessings, Fr Francis***



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### Mother's Day RAFFLE WINNERS

First prize: Mariana Torquoise Bracelet including voucher for 2 at Dom's at Kings voucher – Therese Donald  
Second prize: Mum's Hamper – Shirley Boland  
Third prize: Box of 3 Wines – Beven Connolly

Thank you to all who supported the raffle!

### Grief Support

The next bi-monthly Grief Support Mass for all parishioners will be held at OLR next Friday 19th May at 9am followed by morning tea. Major life changes or events may cause severe emotional distress. If the Grief Support team can be of confidential assistance, please contact the Parish office or email Kath: [olrgriefsupp@gmail.com](mailto:olrgriefsupp@gmail.com)



### Hours of Grace!

The Hours of Grace will start next week Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am, **Pause 5:30 pm (Malayalam Mass)**, Restart 7pm, Pause Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at 8.30am, Restart at 9.30am, Pause at **3.30pm**, Restart at 6.15pm, Finish Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 6am.  
There will be a roster at the church for you to put your name down and the hours you can attend.



### New Parishioner Welcome Evening

Are you a new parishioner, or have maybe even been in the parish a while but are trying to meet new people? You are invited to a welcome evening at the OLR Presbytery from **5.30-7pm** on **Thursday 25 May**. One of our primary values as a parish is being **Relationship-Centred** and so we want you to know that you are known, valued and welcomed.

This event will include a selection of beverages, wine & cheese, and enough hors d'oeuvres to leave you feeling full. Please RSVP via email or phone call to the parish office by 19<sup>th</sup> May – [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au) or 5430 9390. We look forward to welcoming you and getting to know you.

Fr Josh and the Parish Team

### Date claimer 18th June

Stella Maris Parish of Maroochydore is planning a Multicultural Mass as part of the Inclusion & Community Life that was so well explained by Bishop Tim Norton at the Lent Mini Mission.

Our OLR community is invited to partner in celebrating **Mass on Sunday 18 June 11am** at Stella Maris Maroochydore. After Mass there will be a social gathering with food and music celebrating togetherness. We invite and encourage **ALL** parishioners from all churches specially those who have come from abroad to contact Trish Harding [tharding4173@gmail.com](mailto:tharding4173@gmail.com) to see how we can be involved.  
The mass is open to all to celebrate our diversity.



### Interested?

## Holy Land Pilgrimage September – October 2024

Enquiries: call Cristina on 0408808992  
or follow link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/YWwhXkcBDY>

### Name Badges

If you would like a name badge please email the parish office with your name and phone number. The badges cost \$5 each please specify if you want a pin or magnet backing.

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### In Transition

As a parish family we welcome **Oliver Satchell, Patrick Newby, Lacey Skippington & Aiden Juaneza** who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for **Paul Kelly & Tai Gittins** who died last week and whose funerals were on Friday 12th May. We also pray for **Trevor McGurk** who died last week, his funeral will be at Mary McKillop Beerwah on Tuesday 16th May at 12.30pm. **Judith Milsom's** funeral will be at OLR on Thursday 18th May at 11am. We also prayer for the soul of **Bill Tincknell** whose funeral will be in Charters Towers. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

## Happy Mother's Day To All Our Mothers.



### Faithful Servants' – meet Jacinta Elks

We continue this feature with a focus on our new Ministry Area leaders. This week we introduce OLR Adult Faith Formation Minister Jacinta Elks.

#### Cradle Catholic to Convert

For Jacinta Elks, a cradle Catholic, the path to deeper conversion was at times a little bumpy, but looking back she believes God has protected and indeed blessed her during her life so she always understood her dignity and worth as a daughter of God.

"I can't really remember a time when I didn't know God," said Jacinta, the new Ministry Leader for Adult Faith Formation at OLR Parish. Read more online.

### Activities for the week at OLR church

#### Sunday 14 May "Mothers Day"

- ◆ Children's liturgy.

#### Monday 15 May

- ◆ Adoration/Benediction 9.30-10.30am OLR Church.
- ◆ Craft Group every Monday in the Parish Office Egan room 9-12noon contact Helen McGlynn 0409050722.
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group gathers every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714.

#### Tuesday 16 May

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ Confirmation class in the OLR church 5-6pm.
- ◆ The Caloundra Cards Group meets each week in the Dobson room 9-12noon. Call Helen for more information on 0410392526
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet every Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30-11am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409897673

#### Wednesday 17 May

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week - OLR Egan room 10-12noon.
- ◆ Young Adults - 6.00-8.30pm in the Egan Room. Ph Kath Ball 0418187914.

#### Thursday 18 May

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

#### Friday 19 May

- ◆ Grief support Mass at 9am followed by m/tea and meeting
- ◆ Alpha 9.30-11.30 Dobson room
- ◆ Hours of Grace start at 9.30am

#### Saturday 20 May

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am

#### Sunday 21 May *The Ascension of the Lord*

- ◆ National Volunteers Day
- ◆ Children's liturgy.

### Activities for the week at Maleny church

#### Tuesday 16 May

\* Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, followed by Mass at 9.00am.

The Maleny Catholic Ladies Fashion Parade and Morning Tea was a great social and financial success. Sr Christine of the Downs and West Community Support Group was presented with \$2662 to use in providing aid to rural families.



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

## Parish Diary

#### Monday 15 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

#### Tuesday 16 May

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

#### Wednesday 17 May

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am  
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

#### Thursday 18 May

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

#### Friday 19 May

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

#### Saturday 20 May

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation  
Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

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

#### Sunday 21 May

*The Ascension of the Lord*

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

To watch live-stream  
Mass go to the Caloundra  
Catholic Parish  
Facebook [https://  
www.facebook.com/  
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### Celebrate Reconciliation Week Thursday 1 June 10am–11am

Landsborough Museum, 4 Maleny St., Landsborough. Registration Essential. Free. Morning Tea provided.  
Enquires: 5420 8600 More details on the website.

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