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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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The ASCENSION of the LORD Year A-20/21 May 2023

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23 Gospel: Mt 28:16-20

National Volunteers Week

Friends, today marks the conclusion of the annual National Volunteers Week. Every year we celebrate the contribution of volunteers in Australia because – and at the risk of stating the obvious – our communities, including our faith communities, are built upon the generosity of those who serve. It is a little-known fact that the Catholic Church is the third biggest employer in Australia behind Wesfarmers and Woolworths but our significant volunteer network is perhaps unknowable. While St Vincent de Paul is the largest and most extensive official volunteer network in the country with over 30,000 volunteers, the unmeasurable contribution of regular parishioners in regular parishes like ours is cause for **thanks** and **celebration**. To anyone who gives their time in the service of our parish and wider communities, a grateful parish says
“Thank You.”

Invitation to the Strategic Plan Launch at Pentecost

In September last year we, as a parish, commenced a deliberate strategic planning process for the next five years with the assistance of Evangelisation Brisbane. Multiple parishes around our Archdiocese have entered into this process to create a plan that will guide and inform their/our approach to the core business/mission of making disciples – Jesus' commandment in the Gospel for Pentecost (Mt 28:19).

You are invited to gather and celebrate the launch of our Strategic Plan, along with the commissioning of the six Ministry Leadership Teams (MLTs), at the 9.30am OLR Mass next week on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May. Mass will be followed by a cutting of the cake, tea and coffee, as well as a sausage BBQ cooked by our two school principals.

I cannot understate the significance of this opportunity to gather and celebrate this occasion. While we have parishioners from *most* of our worshipping communities involved in the six leadership teams, who will be commissioned, –

Children & Families, Faith & Formation, Worship, Community Life, Youth & Young Adults, and Service & Outreach – the outcomes and strategies of each ministry will, in time, affect each and every worshipping community in a positive way. *In fact, Outcome #2 in the Community Life Ministry is to 'Advocate unity across all the communities of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.'* One of the strategies to achieve this outcome is to run an annual 'whole-of-parish' event (like this one) where as many people as possible gather at one Mass to celebrate together.

Reception of the Precious Blood

It has been two weeks since we reintroduced reception of Jesus' Precious Blood from the chalice during Holy Communion and by-and-large, we have experienced a smooth transition back to the option of Communion under both species; thank you to those who have assisted in this process. There are a couple of minor things that bear mention in this forum: **most importantly**, if you wish to receive Jesus' Precious Blood, please do so by drinking from the chalice – there is no self-intinction (dipping the host in the chalice) please. Communion is always received *from* someone else rather than *taking* Communion. **Second**, there is no need for the priest to have a separate chalice; Holy Communion is distributed from the 'one bread' and 'one chalice'. We do, however, have the capacity for more than one chalice to assist with distribution but there is no need to have a separate chalice for the presider. **Finally**, those Extraordinary Ministers of Communion who distribute the Precious Blood should be prepared to *receive from* and *finish* the chalice at the end of Communion (if there is any Precious Blood left over) before returning the empty chalice to the altar for purification by the presider. Thank you, once again, to those you are assisting this process of reintroduction of Holy Communion under both species.

See you at our Pentecost celebration of the Birth-day of the Church and the launch of our Parish Strategic Plan. God Bless you. **Fr Josh**

Sunday Mass

When the COVID pandemic struck, I joined other bishops in deciding for a dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Now that the pandemic seems to be receding, it is good for us to reflect not only upon the Sunday obligation but upon the meaning of Sunday itself. To call the first day of the week Sunday recalls the Roman name, but from the first Christians always called it the Lord's Day, in honour of the Risen Christ who is the true light of the world and the source of life. The Lord's Day was the weekly Easter and the weekly Pentecost, because on the first day Jesus Christ rose from the dead and breathed the Holy Spirit into the Church. It was the day that looked back to the first day of creation and forward to the last day of the Lord's return in glory. Even in times of persecution, Christians remained faithful unto death to the assembly of the Lord's Day. The spontaneous practice of the early days eventually became Church law. Yet it is not law that draws us to Mass but the Lord's desire to eat the Passover with us (cf Luke 22:15). The deepest reason we go to Mass on Sunday is not because we have decided or because the Church requires it but because we are drawn there by his desire for us. In coming to Mass, we surrender to the Lord's love and let ourselves be drawn by him who wants to speak to our heart and share his feast with us. Therefore, in the Archdiocese of Brisbane from Pentecost Sunday of this year (28 May) the pandemic dispensation will be withdrawn and the Sunday obligation will be restored, so that all of us, responding to the Risen Lord's call, may say with one heart and voice, "This is the day which the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24). **Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

Mass in Portuguese

On Sunday 7th May, the Sunshine Coast Brazilian Community gathered for the very first time to celebrate a Portuguese Mass at OLR church, Caloundra.



Thank you to Fr Francisco for presiding and to Aline and Leandro Goncalves OLR parishioners - for organising this new Mass.

Mass in Portuguese will be celebrated at OLR church on the first Sunday of every month at 11.30am - all are welcome!

Attention all Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick and Housebound

On **Wednesday 31st May** in the Egan Room at 9am, additional/refresher training will be provided to **All** ministers and to those who would like to be trained. All are welcome and morning tea will be provided. In this short one hour session, Father Josh will be explaining the essential elements of this very important ministry. This will assist us all to be unified in our delivery of the most blessed sacrament. There will be some time allocated for questions.

Please feel free to call Vivienne on 04098976673 if you require further information.

Celebrate Reconciliation Week

On Thursday 1 June 10am–11am at the Landsborough Museum, 4 Maleny St., Landsborough.

Registration are essential and morning tea is provided. This is a free event, all welcome.

For more enquires please phone 5420 8600 or go to the parish website.



Faithful Servants

*We continue this feature with a focus on our new Ministry Area leaders. This week we introduce OLR Children & Families Ministry Leader **Julie Gerhardt**.*

Many parishioners have already had the pleasure of appreciating her beautiful and welcoming smile, but if you haven't been as fortunate yet, Julie Gerhardt is an exciting addition to the ministry leadership team and joins Our Lady of the Rosary Parish as its Children & Families Ministry Leader. "It feels like somewhat of a calling," said Julie.

"Encouraged by Fther Josh and being asked to lead this ministry, I was extremely honoured and humbled. I must admit, I was a little apprehensive too!"

Julie says she often prays to Our Lady and strives to be open to God's will.

You can read more about Julie online.

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome **Hunter, Kianah & Kruz Willis** who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for **Margaret Griffiths & Pat Husson** who died last week and their funerals will be on Friday 26th May 1pm at G&W and 11am at Mary Mackillop Beerwah. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

Become a Pastoral Care Volunteer

Southern Cross Care Aged Care are seeking expressions of interest from caring and supportive parishioners to join their Pastoral Care Volunteer Program. Help make a difference to the lives of aged care residents at their Caloundra home by helping residents with their emotional or spiritual needs. Successful applicants will take part in an 8-week training course (commencing July 2023, and only a few hours per week) and become a part of a great community of spiritual care volunteers.

Please see the Parish website for further details or Contact Kristie McManus on 0437 717 153 for more information.

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

Celebrating our Diverse Faith

There was plenty of enthusiasm at our initial planning meeting for the Multicultural Mass which we will celebrate on **Sunday, June 18th**. Mark it in your diary! Everyone is invited! The gathering divided into two groups with one concentrating on the liturgy and working towards ensuring that the Mass will be a reflection of the colour, movement and diversity of our Parish Family and our Catholic faith and traditions.

The second group looked at the daunting challenge of the food and cultural extravaganza that will take place around Stella Maris Church immediately after the Mass. Our hope is for everyone to share in the culinary uniqueness and musical traditions of the many groups that make up our Parish. Now, if we are expecting over 400 at the Mass, that is a lot of dance and a lot of food!!! We invite and encourage

ALL parishioners from all churches specially those who have come from abroad to contact Trish Harding tharding4173@gmail.com to see how you can be involved. The Mass is open to all to celebrate our diversity.

Parish Diary

Monday 22 May

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 23 May

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Exposition (Maleny) 8.30am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 24 May

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

Thursday 25 May

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

Friday 26 May

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

Saturday 27 May

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

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 28 May

Pentecost Sunday

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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A free Seminar and Expo for anyone interested

Choosing Respite and Residential Aged Care
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call Lorae 0418298183

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**There will be
no Children's liturgy
at OLR on Sunday
28th May.**

Kawana Catholic Women's League meeting is
on this Wednesday 24th May at the Good
Shepherd Centre Kawana at 11am.

Maleny will have cards in the
Pat Daley Centre on Wednesday
24 May 6.00pm.

OLR Parish Activities

Please note if you are looking for an activity or something that is happening in and around our Parish please feel free to go to our website to see what is happening.

If it is not in our newsletter each week doesn't mean it's not on.

If you are involved or regularly go to that group you will know it is on each week.

From Children's liturgy, cards at OLR & Maleny, Charismatic prayer group, Ladies group, Benediction, the Rosary, St Vincent de Paul meetings, Kawana Catholic Women's league, Art class, the different group meetings, Young adults and Alpha, to name a few. Whichever group you are in or are involved in you know it is on.

Advertising these groups won't be in the newsletter each week.

If you wish to know more about these groups or when they are on, please go to our website for more information. www.caloundracatholicparish.net

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