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The Most Holy Trinity Year A 3/4 June 2023

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13 Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

Encountering Mystery

"Moses went up the mountain...and the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with [God] there."

That image of God descending as a cloud is perhaps apt in capturing the mystery of God and certainly the mystery of the Trinity which we celebrate this weekend. All of our beliefs, our traditions, our texts, or visions all find their source and summit in the Trinity.

We can talk about the Trinity as if it is all so straightforward – like pointing to a cloud and saying "there it is! What don't you get?" And yet a cloud is mysterious: other than knowing where it floats, it cannot be contained; it has no unifying shape. Likewise, the Trinity, too, is a mystery. The name – more a *quality* than a name – reaches for that mystery. Trinity merely says *Threeness* as a quality e.g. un-ity, tranquil-ity, etc.

One might think so much mystery was grounds to dismiss faith, and yet, strangely, everything of our lived experience flows out of this Trinity. The great grace afforded to us is the Son, coming among us as Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, sent to us to help us on our journey. Pope Francis says that Jesus is the "face of the Father's mercy". He reveals the Father to us. Building on this, the Holy Spirit then "builds, animates and sanctifies the Church" (Catechism 747).

We may not be able to contain the Trinity within a book or a paragraph, yet down the ages and long after us, Christians will rise up saying "I have encountered Jesus! I want others to meet him!" They saw the "cloud" through Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit, they knew something of what/who they encountered. The mystery remained a mystery, yet they reordered their lives around it.

Who or what is this strange mystery that people order their life around, or to whom they dedicate their life? Any plan, contract, or investment worth its salt today is supported by seemingly endless paperwork: rules, statutes, definitions, scopes, agreements, appendices and so on. But with a life dedicated to Father, Son and Spirit – it seems to be based on simply a strong sense – a conviction that a presence is felt, a call is heard deep within.

The Israelites encountered this mystery in the cloud. They weren't afforded paperwork and definitions, but in heeding its voice, they left the familiarity of Egypt and they arrived at the Promised Land. In our own time, saints and martyrs have happily left everything, even their lives, owing to a transformational encounter with this mystery. They leave behind the legacy of life fully lived and a more Christian world.

As a Christian, can you attest to having had a transformational encounter with God? Have you seen the cloud in what Jesus and the Holy Spirit have done in your life — even while the mysteries and the questions stand? Perhaps your answer is "yes" and you freely talk about it to anyone who asks. For those who struggle to answer with a firm "yes!" the parish is gearing its activity towards facilitating such encounters. This aim is also conspicuous in our very mission statement: to be a community that accompanies people to encounter Jesus. The source and summit of the strategic plan boils down to this: Encountering the Father, through the Son, in the power of the Spirit.

Have you had a transformational encounter with the Trinity? What is your relationship to the Father? Do you know the Son? Have you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit?

I hope to hear your stories of faith, when we encounter each other in the week.

God bless, Fr. Francis



Feedback: Strategic Plan Launch

My name is Melissa Ledwich and my home parish is St Francis Xavier, Goodna. My husband and I have two young girls (under 4 years old) and another baby on the way. My role at Evangelisation Brisbane as a Project Officer (Parish Leadership Team), has given me the privilege of walking closely with the leadership teams of your parish as your Strategic Plan has developed.

What I really loved about the launch of your Strategic Plan on Sunday is that you could feel the energy and support of a parish community that was united in purpose. I'm confident that the prayers of each worshipping community contributed to the sense of true joy and hope I felt.

Your parish has enormous potential to become all that God is calling it to be over the next 5 years. As a first step, I encourage you to find some time to read and sit with the beautiful Vision Narrative written in your Strategic Plan. Take time to sit with it, to be inspired by it, and pray with it, and see where the Holy Spirit is inviting you to get involved next. My prayers are with you!

Take care Mel.

The Sunshine Coast Homeless Need Our Help

On June 22nd, Dan McShea (Principal of Unity College), Michael Steward (Principal of OLR Primary School), and I will be once again roughing it in the cold and (hopefully not) wet. This winter we're sleeping out with other community leaders on Maroochydore Beach to not only raise money for people experiencing homelessness, but raise awareness of their plight. Homelessness can affect anyone - women, men, and even children. The good news though is that together, we *can* make a significant difference!

Please support us during the Vinnies CEO Sleepout; your donation will help the St Vincent de Paul Society empower more people to get off the streets and into stable accommodation. Vinnies provides counselling, education, health and employment services to help people to lift themselves out of the cycle of poverty.



Every donation is meaningful. Just fifty dollars can provide a whole family with a warm, nutritious meal this winter. The other good news is that like last year, your donations will stay local, directly helping people in the Sunshine Coast. Please help us raise funds by clicking on the link below. Thank you so much; your generosity is truly appreciated. Fr Josh

https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/frjoshuawhitehead/queensland

Lectio Divina: Mark's Gospel Bible Study - 14 Sessions

Commencing 8:00-9:30am on Thursday 22 June at Kawana Good Shepherd Centre, Nanyima St, Buddina (opp. Kawana Library & Centrelink). Only 10 spaces available. Registration is free but an \$18 donation would be appreciated to go towards the work book.

For registration and enquires please email johnmanion@optusnet.com.au

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 with your details so a support person can contact you.

All contact is treated with utmost confidentiality.

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In Transition

As a parish family we welcome **Lewis Blades & Darcy Fazackerley** who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for all the souls and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace**.

Recap: Pentecost Strategic Plan Launch

Last weekend, 398 parishioners gathered at OLR church to celebrate the Pentecost launch of our parish's Strategic Plan. This is a significant milestone in the life of our parish because the plan draws us together – all eight faith communities – under a **shared Mission** to be a vibrant parish that actively accompanying people to Encounter Jesus.

Over the past nine months, many different voices contributed to the formation of a firm plan for our next five years as a parish. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to each and every person who submitted responses to the seven dreaming videos between September and October last year; to all 150 parishioners who gathered at Unity College Auditorium for the Parish Summit Day on 5 November; and to those leaders who were invited to form our six ministry leadership teams and who put pen-to-paper on 3 December at the strategic planning day last year - thank you! Our Strategic Plan then went through three drafts and several revisions as we sought to produce a document that is not only visually appealing, but also clear, concise and inviting.

"Where to from here?" you may be asking... While the official launch took place last weekend, the reality is that all six MLTs – Ministry Leadership Teams – have been forming, functioning and laying down the foundations to reach their Outcomes for several months. The important thing for the rest of us, as we move into Ordinary Time, a season of growth and hope, is to become familiar with the document – particularly the different *Outcomes* and *Strategies* in each ministry area. While a number of printed Strategic Plan copies were offered in each community last weekend – and these will be returned by those who hold them for others to read – a full, digital version is available from our parish website home page: www.caloundracatholicparish.net

As well as becoming familiar with the document itself, another important element of our journey to consider in this immediate *post-launch* period, is what area of parish life/ ministry you would like to become involved with – serving and offering your time to God. While many parishioners are already involved in different ways, a significant element of the Strategic Plan is to work towards 70% of worshiping parishioners being involved in a **disciple-making ministry** within five years. The importance of this deliberate approach to our core business of Evangelisation cannot be understated; this is our Mission, given to us by God at baptism. I commend to your generosity and openness of heart, the many opportunities that will be presented to participate in our Mission. It is a Mission which has room for every person, no matter our age, country of origin, or giftedness: that is, to be a vibrant parish that actively accompanies people to Encounter Jesus. With God's Peace and every Blessing, Fr Josh.

Thursday 8 June, Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9.40am.

New members welcome. Further enquiries please contact

Our Lady of Good Counsel on 54389660

Activities for the week at Maleny church

Tuesday 6 June

 Maleny Catholic Ladies meeting with morning tea at 9.30am, followed by 10.00am meeting.

DATE CLAIMERS:

Sunday 18 June

• Sausage sizzle after Mass to celebrate Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Saturday 24 June

• Ecumenical morning tea commencing at 9.30am in Pat Daley Centre Maleny.

Celebrating our Diverse Faith at Stella Maris

There was plenty of enthusiasm at our initial planning meeting for the Multicultural Mass which will be celebrated on *Sunday, June 18th*. Everyone is invited! 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 everyone to celebrate our diversity.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 5 June

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

Tuesday 6 June

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

Wednesday 7 June

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

Thursday 8 June

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

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 9 June

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

Saturday 10 June

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

> Vigil Mass Mass (OLR) 5pm Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 11 June

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) 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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