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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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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year A 17/18 June 2023

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Ex 19:2-6 Second Reading: Rom:6-11 Gospel: Mt 9:36-10:8

The vocation of those who believe in God

Last Friday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and it is in Him that we see the whole of God's loving plan for humanity. God is all-powerful, a good Shepherd, a good Father, and God is love. Jesus lives with us and actively calls us to continue in our commitment to actively living the faith on our journey of life.

This Sunday's Word proves God's boundless love and concern for humankind. From the very beginning, God has always called and guided our ancestors on their journey to the true Promised Land. Through Moses, the people overcame Egyptian slavery and successfully entered the eternal land they had longed for. In the New Testament times, God sent his only begotten Son, Jesus, to be with humankind, inviting and teaching people to trust in God. Because it is only by trusting in God and being reconciled to His life, death, and resurrection that we have the eternal life that each of us hopes for. St Paul testifies that: *"If we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son"* (Romans 5:10).

This Sunday's Gospel gives us more detail about what we need to do on our journey of faith. God gave us his son Jesus. Now, thanks to Jesus, He chose the twelve apostles as the foundation for the Church that Jesus himself created. This election was placed in God's loving plan, although God still chose Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray Him.

These apostles were called by the Lord to go out and spread His Good News to people in all different regions, especially believers who were separated from the faith. Because God sees that people are *"harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd"* (Mt 9:36). However, when the time comes, Jesus sees humanity as a field of ripe golden fruit, strong before the storms of the world. The harvest time has arrived and we are invited to participate in the harvest. How happy are they to see the harvest, but the reapers are few, so the Lord grieves to see His workers so busy. Therefore, God wants to find a collaborator. So, who will stand to receive? God has chosen apostles to continue to lead His people right to the land He has promised, the eternal Kingdom of Heaven. In choosing the apostles, Jesus wanted to demonstrate that a vocation is not just a human's job, but that it is God who is the starting point and it is he who calls them to follow in his footsteps. The right to only go to harvest fruit is the right of the owner of the orchard, so to, the right to go on a mission and preach the word of God is the right of those to whom the orchard has been given – you and I.

Each of us is called by God to be different harvesters. God calls and chooses all of us according to different vocations such as Married Life, Holy Orders, Religious Life, and Single Life. God continues to call us, whether young or old, different skin colours, different culture or wherever we are in life. Each of us has been baptized and is called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and the way of the Church, which is to work in evangelization to those around us.

God did not send the apostles to pagan territory and any Samaritan town, but God wanted them to go to the lost sheep. Therefore, the Lord wants us to start with ourselves, and then to our families, our workplaces, our parishes, our diocese, and the people we meet in life. Finally, the word of God this Sunday invites us to recognise the very vocation we have and continue to live and bear witness to the Lord in our daily lives.

Have a great week and God bless!
SANG Duc Bui (Seminarist)

RCIA Congratulations

Last Sunday, 11th June, we received and welcomed six new brothers and sisters into the Catholic family. We thank Bishop Brian Heenan, who administered the sacraments to them. Special thanks to the RCIA team and all those who helped in their faith formation. God bless you all as we continue to pray for them, **Fr Ejikeme**



Last Chance to Assist Homelessness in our Home

This Thursday is the night we are sleeping out.

Friends, we have raised over \$2500 for homelessness in our home, the Sunshine Coast! Thank you for the amazing generosity you have demonstrated to those who need it most!!

If you are able, please either click the link below or place a clearly marked envelope in the collection basket to donate to this worthy cause

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

Are you Musically Gifted?

Can you play the piano, organ, guitar or any other instrument that could lead and accompany music ministry at Mass? *This is a fantastic opportunity to put the "Yes Prayer" into action.*

Please email or call the office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au 5430 9390 with your contact details and a member of the **Worship Ministry Leadership Team** will be in touch. Thank you for your ministry.



Containers 4 Change

The need for stewardship or care for our environment has never been greater. In 2015, Pope Francis published a public letter titled *Laudato Si' – Care for Our Common Home*. As part of our Parish's support for this program, and to contribute to more regenerative environmental solutions, we are launching a new Parish-wide "Containers for Change" initiative.



All Church Centres will be asked to participate, but we are also asking you as Parishioners to join us. When returning your own recyclable cans and bottles to a refund station, we ask that you consider using the Parish *Containers for Change* 'ID'. When lodging your return at the refund station terminal you would simply select the '**Scheme ID**' option then enter the Parish ID: **C11072500**. Your contribution, and the money generated from your returns, will then go towards supporting the Parish, with funding directed to our Kingdom Youth and Service Outreach ministries. This initiative will not only help the environment, but also help grow our local youth and service ministries.

Please note the Parish Containers for Change initiative is separate to any being run by Catholic schools within the district. By using the Parish Scheme ID above, your funds will be directed to the Church-run initiatives. For more information on how you can be involved and lodge a return or add the Parish

scheme ID in the containers for change mobile App please see our website here:

<https://caloundracatholicparish.net/containers4change>

In Transition

We welcome **Harvey & Lakey Beckett, Arlo & Maggie McIntyre and Sadie Plant** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.



Peter's Pence Collection

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection. ***The collection will take place at the end of all masses next weekend on the 24/25th June 2023.*** The Peter's Pence collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy Father, Pope Francis.

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



Alpha

After another very successful Alpha course, which is concluding next week, we are now opening a further two courses beginning in July. There will be an Alpha course commencing on Tuesday evening 11th July at 6pm and one on Friday 14th July commencing at 8.45am. We will also offer one at Landsborough if we have sufficient interest.

To enrol please click on the following link <https://bit.ly/42Fa44R>

For any further enquiries please email the Parish Office
caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

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Parish Diary

Monday 19 June

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

Tuesday 20 June

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

Wednesday 21 June

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

Thursday 22 June

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

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 23 June

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

Saturday 24 June

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

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

Sunday 25 June

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Catholic Parish
Facebook [https://
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Celebrating Confirmations in our Parish

On Friday 9th June, 64 children, along with their families, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. The celebration of the second Sacrament of Initiation was the culmination of a number of weeks of gathering, learning and journeying together – families, teachers, catechists and priests. We are



grateful for the dedication of the teaching team: Justine Ashworth, Sarah Culpitt and Julie Gerhardt – who is the Children & Families Ministry Leader in our parish. Your dedication and passion in accompanying all 64 children along the way is a terrific example of living out our **Parish Mission: to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus**. Special thanks, once again, to Bishop Brian – the faithful servant that he is – for presiding at the 4pm and 6pm celebrations of Confirmation. This wonderful celebration was accompanied by Mrs Fran Griffin, music teach at OLR Primary School, and a number of OLR students who offered their time and talent in leading the music – thank you very much!!



Name Badges

Our Parish's aim is to be a vibrant and welcoming Parish.

If you have a name badge, it would be appreciated if you could wear it to Mass. If you don't have a badge and would like one, please email the parish office with your name and phone number to caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

The badges cost only \$5 each (the parish subsidises the rest)

Please specify if you want a pin or magnet backing.

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

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