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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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**14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A 8/9 July 2023**

## **Proper of the Mass**

**1st Reading: Zech 9:9-10 2nd Reading: 8:9, 11-13 Gospel: Mt 11:25-30**

## ***Retraining the eyes***

*"I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes Father, for that is what it pleased you to do."*

Here's a prayer you won't find Christians praying anytime soon! With all of our emphasis on "going out" "sharing the message", "evangelisation", you could be forgiven in thinking Jesus was throwing spanners into his work and ours with these words. How does hiding "these things" help anyone?

Within this part of the gospel, St. Matthew deals a fair bit with Jesus' rejection and in this case, his rejection by the scribes and Pharisees. God resists the proud and the proud resist God. For all of their wisdom and understanding, they are unwise and have not understood.

Far from a celebration of ignorance, Jesus' prayer serves to highlight another dimension of mission: the role of a Christian as someone who *re-trains the eyes* of a person to see God.

Have you ever observed a still-life painting? It is my opinion, that they can seem so realistic precisely because the artist retrains the viewer's eye to notice new things. The objects are usually simple: a fruit, a wine glass, a plate, a loaf. Yet they are captivating because the artist paints in every single detail – not just the ones we notice before moving on: where the light glints, the scratches, the cracks, the fibres and so on. The Christian is like that artist – sitting with the "wise" they open their eyes to God who stands between the details of their life - the moments and the graces one might otherwise gloss over. It invites an almost *childlike fascination* – the fascination of "*little ones*" who notice the things we long decided were not worth our appreciation, our contemplation.

Much has been written about how children and how adults learn. One model, which has been suggested, is that as children we took everything in, but over time, in our bid to make sense of the world, we develop whole webs of meaning and knowledge: a smiling face? Happy! Maroon? Queensland! Kangaroo? Australia!

These webs of meaning can become more insidious once we enter the world of religion and politics. Suddenly canons emerge of who you and I must surely be and what we must surely think, merely because we choose to support (or not support) an idea. For all of our "wisdom", we can remain unwise.

Without the ongoing openness to learning and to being surprised, our webs – our world-view – becomes increasingly airtight. It helps us make sense of the world even if the facts and meanings are wrong. To borrow the gospel's image, to cease to have the wonder and curiosity of "the little ones" can close a person off to noticing the presence and work of God in their lives.

The scribes and Pharisees with all their learning thought they had faith and life down pat. Their web of "wisdom" was airtight. It was so airtight that the breath of the Spirit failed to penetrate into them and the presence of the Emmanuel, God-among-us. Their web of "wisdom" about who a messiah should be, what God should be, what religion should be, all caused their own stubbornness.

Evangelisation takes many forms. "Retraining the eyes" in a dialogue has as much value as anything big and public. Could God be inviting you to help someone see the movement of God in their life? Could God be inviting you to share how God has moved in your life? What is your emerging vision of responding to Jesus' call to share the Good News? I look forward to hearing your thoughts in the week!

God bless,  
Fr. Francis

## A Warm Welcome

To everyone joining us today! Whether you are travelling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration.

### Love Your Neighbour Food Drive

As part of being a **vibrant community**, the new Service & Outreach Team are organising a food drive so that we can prepare meals for the people of our parish who are struggling to provide meals for themselves.

The meals will be cooked by parish volunteers and students out at Unity College school kitchen under the supervision of the Food Technology and Hospitality teacher.

We invite you to donate non-perishable items e.g., **pasta, rice, tomato base sauces or any cooking sauces, chickpeas, lentils, canned soup, curry powder, stock, gravy powder, coconut cream, canned vegetables, garlic or ginger mince in jars.** These items can be placed in the blue plastic tubs at the back of the church.

We will also need to purchase fresh products so if you prefer to donate cash, please place this in the collection or drop to the parish office in an envelope clearly marked with **food drive**. Thank you for your generosity and support.

If you would like to volunteer by cooking for this worthy cause, please email or call the Parish Office – [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au) 5430 9390 – and a member of the **Service & Outreach Team** will be in touch.



This month *Aid to the Church in Need* is raising money to build a parish house in Sierra Leone. The parishioners of the parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour have been trying to help their priest who is living in a house that is decaying due to heavy rainfall and salt-laden sea air but they themselves are poor and have little to give. ACN has promised to help but we need your help to make this possible. To make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject) or scan the QR code.



### Term 3 First Holy Communion - starts 18<sup>th</sup> July

All children from grade 4 or older and who have been confirmed are welcome to make their First Holy Communion in Term 3.

The program starts on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 5-6pm in the OLR Church**. The program concludes with the First Holy Communion ceremony on the weekend of 26/27<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

To register please go to our website <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/first-holy-communion/>

Complete the registration form, sign by both parents and hit submit.

Please note the form cannot be completed on your mobile devices.

Any questions don't hesitate to contact the Parish office [caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Registration closes Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

### Interested in Good Works? Join a St Vincent de Paul Conference!

**OLR SVDP** meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Daily visitations of those in need. New members welcome. Dawn 5430 9390: Caloundra's **Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference** of the SVDP Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9:30am each fortnight. New members welcome. Peter 54924402

**Landsborough SVDP** Meeting every 2nd Tuesday at 9am in the Ron Hickey Centre. Kawana SVDP meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at the Good Shepherd Centre 9.30am. New members welcome. Ph. Kathy 0432711282

**The 2023 St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal will be conducted in the Parish over the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of July. All funds raised will support**

### In Transition

As a parish family we welcome **Lily Hughes, Tayla, Isabel and Thomas Reiterer** who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for the repose of the souls of **Carmel Veronica Hayes**, and **Terrence Victor Marks**, whose funeral will be held at OLR this week, and pray that all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

**Rest in Peace.**

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

### Alpha launch party this week—who will YOU invite?

Feel like a wine or beer, a great meal and great conversation about things that matter? Come along to the Alpha Launch this week, or invite someone in your life. Register interest here <https://bit.ly/42Fa44R>, or just turn up on Tuesday 6pm or Friday morning 10am.



### Ladies Lunch—Caloundra

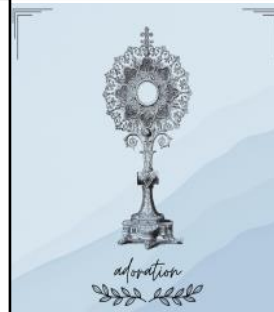
You are invited to the next Ladies Lunch on Friday 21 July at 12 noon at Caloundra Power Boat Club 2 Lamerough Parade Golden Beach.  
If you would like to come contact Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 17th July.  
All ladies are welcome. Come and meet some new friends!

### ADORATION

All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on Wednesday 12th July, 6.30pm at OLR. We'd love to see you there!

#### What is Adoration?

When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration, which is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.



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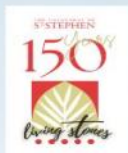
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For more information, go to [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)



### Say goodbye to Fr Eji if you see him!

Sadly Fr Eji is leaving us next weekend. We are so grateful for his ministry over the last two years, and wish him all the best for the future. He will be saying the Hinterland Masses this weekend, and Kawana, Little Mountain and Unity 5pm on his final weekend so don't forget to say goodbye if you see him.!



## Celebrating 150 years of Weddings at The Cathedral of St Stephen

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, couples who have been married at St Stephen's are invited to commemorate their years of marriage.

On Saturday, 30th September 2023, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass at 11:30am, followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

There will be a particular focus on Golden Wedding Anniversaries, however anyone married at the Cathedral or Chapel, is invited to attend.

If you have photos or stories to share, please contact David Todd.

email: [todd@bnc.catholic.net.au](mailto:todd@bnc.catholic.net.au)

telephone: 3324 3030  
by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please RSVP by Friday 22nd September 2023  
[cathedral@bnc.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bnc.catholic.net.au)  
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### Name Badges

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: [caloundra@bnc.catholic.net.au](mailto:caloundra@bnc.catholic.net.au)  
The badges are \$5 each (the parish subsidises the rest).

### The Young Adults are at Sacred Heart Church Maleny!

If you are at Mass in Maleny this week, make sure you say hello to the Young Adult group who have made the pilgrimage to the Mountain! They would love to catch up over a cup of tea after Mass

## Parish Diary

### Monday 10 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

### Tuesday 11 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration (Maleny) 8.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 12 July

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am



### Thursday 13 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### Friday 14 July

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 15 July

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 16 July

*15h 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 OLR Church  
8.30am

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