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**Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana,
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The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A 5/6 Aug 2023

Experiencing the Transfiguration Ourselves

Every year, the Feast Day of Jesus' Transfiguration takes place on 6th August and so every now and then it occurs on a Sunday, like this year. This means that we take a break from the rhythm of Jesus' – and our – sequential journey through the Gospel of Matthew to focus in on this mysterious event which took place in front of Jesus' closest friends.

I remember travelling to Galilee, in the Holy Land, almost ten years ago on a seminary pilgrimage and taking the trip up Mount Tabor – the site where Peter, James and John *encountered* Jesus in all his Divinity. At that time, I hadn't yet *encountered* Jesus in a powerful way, having been content that my practice of the faith was fulfilled in the ways I had been taught growing up. At the top of Mt Tabor, we celebrated Mass in the Church of the Transfiguration, which was terrific. The thing I remember most of all, however, was listening to other people on our pilgrimage describe their powerful experiences of *encounter* as we journeyed down the mountain. At the time, I felt like I had missed out on something important. I was curious to learn more about what they were experiencing, but I didn't know where to go next.

Peter's reaction to Jesus' Transfiguration gives us an important clue about how we might both recognise and react to the times of pure gift when Jesus reveals himself to and for us. His reaction was one of **desire to stay in the moment**. "Lord", he said, "it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one of you, one of Moses and one of Elijah" (Mt 17:4). While Jesus' Transfiguration was Peter, James and John's own experience – given to them as pure gift by God – we are offered similar powerful experiences in our own spiritual journeys; even if we don't yet recognise them.

My own experiences of pure gift (we use the word *encounter*), have been given most often while I am outside walking in prayer – most often in the morning. Other parishioners I have spoken with and listened to have described their encounters with Jesus happening after receiving the Eucharist (tears of joy and/or a holy sense of one's smallness); others have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit (different words to describe this experience of *encounter*), in a rushing wind, or an aura around another person. Still, others have described to me their experience of a light being shone on a particular area of life that God is inviting transformation, or even experiencing a powerful feeling or physical reaction as someone else has prayed with them for their intentions. Friends, my point is that there is no *one way* that people *encounter* Jesus, but that Jesus is revealed to us in a variety of deeply intimate and personal ways. How do we know when it happens? The most natural reaction in the world is the desire to stay in that moment of pure gift.

In the years since my curiosity-arousing experience on Mt Tabor, I've learnt that while Jesus desires nothing more than to be known and intimately loved by every person in the world, he doesn't impose himself upon us; instead, and more than anything, he respects our freedom to say yes to what he offers. Over the last ten years, I've become more adept at recognising the times when God reaches out in moments of pure gift. Through these personal experiences of *encounter*, or God-moments, my desire for a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus has increased to the point of overflowing desire to share what I have received with others. Indeed, faith-related experiences, rather than being something private, are given to us by God for the purpose of building us up, **and** sharing with, strengthening, and building up the faith of others. **Fr Josh**

Prayer: Loving and gracious God,
please reveal yourself to
(*insert yourself and the names of those whom you love*).
Reveal yourself to us in powerful ways –
that we may know when this happens,
and that our faith may grow to the point
of overflowing desire to share it with others
and so accompany them to encounter you. Amen.



Ignite conference fundraiser – Come and get your car washed at OLR this weekend!

To help us raise funds to send our youth group to the Ignite Conference, we are holding another carwash and BBQ on Sunday from 8-11am (through the 9:30am Mass). It is \$20 a car, and Mass will be followed by a sausage sizzle, where you can purchase a sausage and bread for \$2.

All money raised will go towards Ignite Conference registration. Cash or Tap & Go facilities are available.

Thank you so much!

Please keep us in your prayers.



6 August—13th August 2023 National Vocations AWARENESS WEEK



Prayer for the Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.

Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.

Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Funeral Sacristan needed

After many years of hard work and dedication by Dennis O'Brien as the OLR church funeral sacristan, he has decided to hang up the uniform and retire!

Dennis-Thank you for your ministry.

As of September we are looking for a replacement funeral sacristan. If you have the calling or are able to say Yes to assist with the final farewell of our dearly beloved, please contact the Parish office.

Adoration All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on Wednesday 9th August, 6.30pm at the OLR church. We'd love to see you there!

Please note there will be no Mass at Unity, OLR, Currimundi & Lt Mt on Wednesday & Thursday this week with all the Priest will be in Brisbane at the Convocation.



FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Graham
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Faithful Servants feature - this week we introduce Graham Ladd.

Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on Friday 18th August at 12noon at Dom's at Kings 79 Edmund Street Kings Beach (entry in Ormonde Tce). All ladies are welcome.

If you would like to attend please contact Deborah 0410531901. It is very important for this lunch that I have final numbers by Monday 14th

August so I can inform the restaurant on Tuesday morning.



The OLR Conference 2023 St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal

Our 5 local conferences have assisted over 3000 companions during the past 12 months.

On their behalf, SVDP sincerely thanks all those who have contributed to this worthy appeal.

The Caloundra OLR community raised in excess of over \$2200

Thank you for your generosity.

In Transition

We welcome **Jack Marshall** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Peter Smith** who died last week. A graveside burial will be at Beerwah cemetery on Tuesday 8th August 11am. We 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.



Hospitality this weekend

You are welcome to join your community for Hospitality, stay for wine & cheese at OLR on the Saturday night, or a cuppa after Mass on Sunday. OLR Sunday morning will be the carwash and sausage sizzle fundraiser from 8-11am.

Instead of the usual cuppa after Mass at **Maleny**, there will be a BEER and BEEF breakfast. Please bring your favourite beef dish and refreshments.

Tea/coffee/slices will also be available.

You are all welcome!



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



Caloundra Catholic Homes Foundation Ltd

What an exciting and challenging year it has been.

There was much excitement for our residents as we moved them into two new houses in Aura. Lavally Lodge has served us well since 1989, however it is too far away from the services our residents are now able to access, under the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The move has been a great success with all residents now happy in their new home. The residents have outfitted their rooms with new furniture and we have provided new white

goods and kitchen appliances. We have three residents in Lynam House and currently two in Wells House. Lavally Lodge has been sold and we look forward to utilising the funds to continue to provide housing and support as per our constitution. On behalf of the Directors and members, a huge thank you to our present and past donors and volunteers for all you have and are continuing to do to allow the Homes Foundation to continue.



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Ingrid O'Shea, Margaret McElwaine,
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Maleny & Landsborough Adoration

Adoration at Maleny Tuesday Mass (already happening) and Landsborough Friday Mass will now begin at 8am (Landsborough starting 18th August) and conclude at 8.55am with Benediction by the priest.

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.



As a Parish family we would like to congratulate
Joshua Evans & Jemma Connellan
and Angus Johnson & Emma Pozzebon
who will be married this weekend in Ilkley & Maleny respectfully.

Parish Diary

Monday 7 Aug

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

Tuesday 8 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8.00am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 9 Aug

Mass (UNITY) **NO Mass**
School Liturgy (OLR) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) **NO Mass**

Thursday 10 Aug

Mass (OLR) **NO Mass**
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Currimundi) **NO Mass**

Friday 11 Aug

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

Saturday 12 Aug

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation
Mass (OLR) 9am
Vigil Mass
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 13 Aug

19th 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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