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Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough, Little Mountain, Maleny and Unity at Caloundra West.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 19/20 August 2023

Crossing Boundaries

Today's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28) is an interesting one. At first glance, it appears to be an argumentative person vying for Jesus' attention, which she eventually gets. However, as with all Scripture, the story has a deeper meaning.

Firstly, Jesus and his disciples have travelled into the region of Tyre and Sidon, a place predominantly inhabited by gentiles (non-Jews). In the preceding bible passages, Jesus had just finished challenging the Pharisees on what was clean and unclean and so, by travelling to Tyre and Sidon, further challenges traditional Jewish social norms.

The Canaanite Woman pleaded with Jesus, crying out, *"Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."* Uncharacteristically, Jesus ignores her. The woman cries after Jesus repeatedly, to which he replies, *"I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel... It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."* Meaning, "I came to save the Jewish people and so because you are not Jewish, it is not right to take what is for the Jews and give it to others."

The woman gives a witty reply, *"Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table."* Food prepared for children is indeed not intended for pets, however children can be messy eaters and the dogs are still able to gain access to the scraps. Outsmarted, Jesus agrees to the woman's persistent request, even praising her faith.

Now this woman is a gentile and yet she had faith, faith in Jesus, from whom comes the healing power of God. The woman stands for all of us as gentiles, who can learn from her faithful persistence. From this story we see that Jesus' vision of salvation for 'Israel' means redemption by a saving power which crosses our human boundaries and perceptions and is available for all people and for all outsiders, not just 'the Jews'.

This year's annual Catholic Campaign offers us an opportunity to cross boundaries by assisting those who may not be familiar to us. The campaign assists 5 main areas, which enable Catholic organisations to reach out to those in our community. Your donation will allow God to work through you, enabling the needy to gain opportunities which may be unavailable to them otherwise.

- **Holy Spirit Seminary** – supporting the formation of future priests.
- **The Priest's Foundation** – assisting the necessities of retired priests.
- **The Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund** – providing bursaries for students experiencing hardship.
- **Centacare** – Pastoral care for victims of domestic violence, families in distress, support for those with mental illness, those imprisoned, the disabled and for those conducting various chaplaincy roles.
- **Annual Grants Program** – Supporting grassroots initiatives in the wider Catholic community.

Please prayerfully consider giving an amount which means something to you. **Blessings, Fr Gerard**

Community Life Update for the Newsletter



The Community Life Ministry Leadership Team
(L-R Elaine, Viv, John, Donna & Janice-leader)
have been meeting fortnightly to help

*"cultivate a burning desire to belong within our Parish faith communities by facilitating experiences of connection and participation",
as stated in our Strategic Plan vision.*

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Your gift today is a blessing to your local community

The face of the Church can seem ordinary enough, as can the face of each of us. But if we open the door of faith and allow God's mercy to flow through us into the lives of those in need, people will see in the Church and in each of us the face of Christ himself. May God, who is the giver of all gifts, bless you in every way.



2023 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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Community Life Update continued from the front page.....

We have been:

- Promoting the wearing of name tags so parishioners can get to know each other- Badges are \$5 with heavy parish subsidy and orders can be given to any of us or the parish office.
- Inviting new greeters to welcome parishioners at the entries before mass starts.
- OLR 9:30am mass morning teas have increased to two, monthly—all communities are encouraged to take this initiative.
- We are now actively organising the *Our Lady of the Rosary parish feast day* for the entire parish to celebrate together.

But we need help!!

We are making small progress in "*facilitating experiences of connection and participation*" to make our parish "*a vibrant community*" but we would like to assist all 11 Mass Communities. Please email your interest to the parish office You will be warmly welcomed because we need you!!!



Ignite Conference Donations

We are so grateful for all the love and support we have received so far to send a group of our youth to Ignite Conference this year. Currently, we have about 18 students and 10 young adults going from our parish. If you would like to donate and/or sponsor a ticket or part of a ticket and weren't able to make it to our carwash and BBQ fundraiser, please visit the link via this QR code to make a donation online. Please put 'Ignite Conference' in the description. This is an incredible experience of faith for our young people, and we have seen such fruit from those who have attended in the past. Please continue to pray for our group as we journey towards this experience, that God may make all things new in us and we are able to return each with our own new experiences of encounter. Thank you! – Felicity

Safeguarding News

The Safeguarding Commitment for the Archdiocese of Brisbane and Caloundra Catholic Parish is: Zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and strives to safeguard all who interact with its ministries & services. Special priority is given to the safety & wellbeing of children & adults at risk. In an emergency, please call the Police 000 or information can be provided to STOPline anonymously. Phone: 1300 304 550 Email: AOB@stopline.com.au Online: www.bnecatholic.stoplinereport.com <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguard/>

Containers 4 Change

Are you saving your cans/bottles? The Parish Containers for Change initiative is up and running. By using the Parish Scheme ID **C11072500**, your funds will be directed to 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 **Elizabeth Busch, Enzo & Lucia Natoli, & Riley Morton** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Branka Mundronja** who died in Wollongong 14th August. Her funeral will be in Wollongong in a couple of weeks. We will let you know the live stream details. We also pray for **Veronica Partridge & Vera Davern** who died last week. Their funerals will be celebrated on Monday 21st August at G&W 1pm and Thursday 31st August 11am at OLR respectively.

We also pray for **The Late Honourable Michael Ahern** who died last week. His funeral will be on Friday 25th August at 11am OLR. May their souls an 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.

**No Mass on Friday 25th August at OLR due to
The Late Premier Mike Ahearn's funeral due to preparation.**

Are you Musically Gifted?



Can you play the piano, organ, guitar or any other instrument that could lead and accompany music ministry for the 9.30am OLR Mass one Sunday per month.

This is a fantastic opportunity to put the "Yes Prayer" into action.

Please email or call the office with your contact details and a member of the

Worship Ministry Leadership Team

will be in touch.

Thank you for your ministry.



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

Parish Diary

Monday 21 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 22 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 23 Aug

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

School Liturgy (OLR) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 24 Aug

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 25 Aug

Mass (OLR) **NO Mass**

Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 26 Aug

8.30am (OLR) Reconciliation

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 27 Aug

21st 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

WATCH MASS LIVE

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Parish Finance Council Update

Over the next few weeks, we will be portraying the profiles of our Parish Finance Council (PFC) representatives – Steve Kay, Cathy Stamp and Dan Thomasson – in our *Faithful Servants* series. Steve (Chair), Cathy and Dan (Secretary), all offer a diverse and comprehensive range of skills, gifts and talents which are being effectively used to steward the financial and fixed assets of our parish. As a PFC, we meet monthly to not just ensure that I am making good financial decisions in the administration of our parish, but to work on key projects such as the building of an up-to-date asset register to ensure we are proactive in the maintenance of fixed assets.

On Friday this week, we met to discuss the purchase of a mission-property in the Aura Business Park from which to reach out and connect with Aura residents. The successful purchase of this property is highly dependent upon gaining consent for use from the Town Planning department, who work for the State Government. It is this process that we are entering into at this time, and which may take a number of months to work through. If successful, this property will be used for a number of purposes, all of which centre around the opportunity to reimagine what a Catholic parish can offer to a community.

Of significant importance at this time is the building of an asset maintenance register for the parish. This will ensure that we take a proactive approach to property and building maintenance to save us money. The bitumen car park at OLR church is a good example of spending approximately \$10,000 on repairs *now* in order to potentially save us \$200,000 in five to seven years' time. The PFC, in conversation with key community members in Beerwah, Landsborough and Maleny in particular and Edgar, our finance officer, will be working on this over the next 6-12 months. If you have any questions pertaining to the financial stewardship of our parish, please do not hesitate to let me know. **Fr Josh**

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 able to say Yes to assist with the final farewell of our dearly beloved, please contact the Parish office.

In this 150th year of the Cathedral of St Stephen, Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites couples together with family and friends, to the annual

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

11:30am Mass on Saturday, 30th September 2023 followed by refreshments on the Cathedral grounds.

Other couples married at the Cathedral or Chapel, are also invited to attend with family and friends to celebrate 150 years of weddings at the Cathedral.

If you have photos or stories to share of your wedding at the Cathedral, please contact David Todd. email: toddd@bne.catholic.net.au telephone: 3324 3030 by 1st September 2023

To register to attend the Mass and for catering purposes please

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