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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 3/4th February 2024 Year B

## Responding to God

I often experience a grateful little swelling in my heart when I hear of people in the parish responding to different opportunities to either **gather, learn, serve** or **give**. The significant number of Maleny parishioners who have given their time, organising the centenary celebrations this weekend is a prime example. Another great response can be found in the three Alpha courses starting at this time. All three Alpha locations – Little Mountain, Caloundra, and Landsborough – are full and we've even had to call in extra volunteers to assist; what a terrific response!

Friends, responding to opportunities to gather, learn, serve or give, is, in essence, responding to the voice of God, **who never ceases to invite us** to desire *more* in our faith journey, and that's what we celebrate this Sunday. Sure, on **Word of God Sunday**, you'll see the lectionary – the book containing the Sunday readings – enthroned and given extra reverence, but the book is merely a sacramental symbol of the deeper reality of God's presence, the Word, who became flesh in the person of Jesus.

While the Bible, which contains God's Word, is our primary means of not just knowing about, but getting to know the person of Jesus, the Word of God is beautifully alive and active in other ways. Thousands of years ago, the ancients looked at the world around them and noticed an order or set of rules in the way the world worked. For Christians, this order was known as the Logos/Word: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). Psalm 147 also offers a beautiful example of this physical *order*: "[God] sends out his word to the earth... He showers down snow white as wool... The waters are frozen at his touch; he sends forth his word at it melts them." "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

On this Word of God Sunday, I invite you to a renewed curiosity and desire for discerning God's living presence in your life. This might find expression in a commitment to pray with Scripture daily for the season of Lent, starting in ten days; it might mean sitting quietly in prayer each day, repeating name of Jesus on your lips and in your heart (did you know that 'Jesus' is the only name which contains the Divine presence it signifies? What a beautiful, wonderful and powerful name it is!). Finally, a renewed curiosity for discerning God's presence – which is to say, a desire to Encounter Jesus – finds chief expression in simply asking for it in prayer! May God bless you with curiosity.

*Peace and blessings, Fr Josh*

## Adult Faith & Formation

The Faith and Formation team have taken as our theme '**Journey in Faith**' in 2024.

Each of us are in a different place on our journey to God. Christ, however, wants us to travel in communion with each other as members of his Body here on earth, the Church. With that in mind, we have three streams to our Ministry:

- Alpha
- Know your Faith
- Faith Circles



**Alpha:** This week sees the commencement of **three Alpha programs** across our community, with an astonishing 55 participants registered! What a great response to the invitation to know Jesus personally! Please keep all participants and team members in your prayers as we move through this 8-week program.

Further Alpha courses are planned for May and October, you can reserve your spot in advance on Linktree (see QR code in the newsletter).

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## Scams!!

Please note there is a scam going around! Fr Josh and the Priests will not email you asking to buy Gift Cards. You will be able to identify a genuine email from the Priests if the email ends with **@bne.catholic.net.au** Otherwise, Please delete immediately!

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

### 2024 Lenten Mini Mission

International TV Journalist, and Catholic Evangelist, Jo Hayes – who is leading our Lenten Mini Mission from 19-21 Feb at OLR church – is launching a new website resource on Lectio Divina, in time for Word of God Sunday, 4 Feb 2024. Perfectly timed to coincide with the Pope's Year of Prayer, [lectioeditatio.com](http://lectioeditatio.com) is a practical what/why/how to the ancient spiritual practice of Lectio Divina - 'divine reading'. "The Catholic Christian tradition exhorts members of the faithful to regularly read, and pray with, the Sacred Scriptures. Yet many fail to do so, mainly because they've never been shown how - and further, how daily devotional time, in The Word, can radically transform one's life", says Ms Hayes. "My life was powerfully impacted, 7 years ago, when a religious sister walked me through the steps of Lectio Divina. "Since that first day, I have committed to a daily practice of, minimum, one hour, reading, meditating and studying the Sacred Scriptures. I am convinced, firstly because The Word of God says so, and secondly, through my own lived experience, that intimacy with Scripture equates to intimacy with Christ. And a life overflowing with Holy Spirit power."



LECTIO MEDITATIO, the name of the new website, guides users through 4 steps of Lectio Divina - reading, meditation/contemplation, prayer and activation. Ms Hayes says step 4, which isn't typically included in traditional Lectio Divina formats, is an important step in allowing The Word to 'come alive' in our lives. "The Word of God, when implanted in our hearts through prayerful reading and meditation, is meant to practically transform our everyday life experience, through activation." Ms Hayes, who has spent the past 15 years working as a broadcast journalist, in both mainstream and Catholic television and radio, travels extensively around the world as a lay evangelist, teaching and speaking on the power of Sacred Scripture, and the crucial importance of daily time with The Word of God.

*Our Caloundra Mini Mission will begin with 9am Mass each day, followed by a short cuppa at 9.30am and the one-hour session with Jo. The same content will be offered each day up at Stella Maris church, Maroochydore with a 4.30pm Mass followed by a 5-6pm session. You can find out more about Jo at [www.johayes.com.au](http://www.johayes.com.au)*

### Adult Faith & Formation continued

**Know your Faith:** This is a regular weekly session Thursdays 5-6pm in the PC. Content is guided by Fr Francis, with our **current program** being the (re)introduction to basic tenets of the Catholic faith using the text '**At Home with God's People**'. Topics include Scripture, the Church, the Papacy, Authority and Wisdom, Mary and the Saints, the Eucharist, the Mass, Sin and Forgiveness and Ministry and Mission among other subjects.

There is no need to register, just come along, but pre-reading is recommended to make best use of time each week. We have the book available for loan – just ask for it at the Parish Office or email [cp.faithandformation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.faithandformation@bne.catholic.net.au) for more information.

**Faith Circles:** Faith Circles are small groups gathering for particular purpose, examples include the Women's Faith and Friendship group and current Bible Study groups. John Manion at Kawana, Carol Devcich at Landsborough, Julie Borger at Maleny and Caroline Kettle at Caloundra are all running small group Scripture studies that are open to all. You may be keen to run your own small group – please let us know how we can support you.

Our vision is that each member of our community is connected to one or more Faith Circles as we *journey in faith*.

*The Faith and Formation team – Fr Francis, Julie Borger, Carol Devcich, Caroline Kettle and Jacinta Elks*

### Young Adults

The young adults gathering each Wednesday from 6pm in the Parish centre has started up. If you are between the age of 18-35 and looking at mingling with like minded people, you are welcome to come along. For further information call Felicity 0423 268 411.

### Caloundra Ash Wednesday Mass rosters

If you are attending any of the Caloundra Ash Wednesday Masses 7am | 9am | 6.30pm and can assist in the liturgical roles, your help would be greatly appreciated. Can you please put your name down in a spot that needs filling, the folders are in the church. Thank you for your continued support.

### Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on Friday 16th of February at 12 noon at Copper Spoon Thai Restaurant, Ramada Hotel 75 Esplanade Golden Beach. If you would like to come please phone Deborah 0410531901 by Monday 12th February so I can confirm numbers. All ladies are most welcome



### Art Group

Jude's Art Class are back on the 14th February Wednesday 10am-12noon in the Parish Centre (Egan room) call Jude for further details on 0421 777 508.





## Presentation on 'Dementia Awareness' by Leah Keating, Dementia Doula.



*Have you ever wondered what dementia is?  
Do you know about modifiable risk factors for dementia?  
Are you a carer for someone living with dementia?  
Would you like to learn more about communication  
strategies or how to best support your loved one as their brain is  
changing with the disease?*

**Then come along to a free presentation on Monday 12th February 10am  
in the OLR Church.**

**We will begin with morning tea at 9.30am – sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals.**

*If you would like to ask Leah anything anonymously about dementia, there is a box in the  
parish office. You can leave your questions there and Leah will cover these at the end of  
the presentation.*

*Alternatively you can email Leah at [leahkeating2019@gmail.com](mailto:leahkeating2019@gmail.com)  
or ask questions on the day.*

Please RSVP for catering purposes to Vicki in the parish office on –  
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### Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. It is designated by the Church as a day of fast and abstinence, as is Good Friday.

In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal a day. Alternately smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other times but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old.

Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Everyone aged 14 years and older is bound by the law of abstinence from meat. The practice of fasting and abstinence aims at leading us to interior conversion by making us more disciplined and more charitable. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others. In addition, the practice helps us imitate the example of Jesus who fasted for 40 days in the desert.

The ashes that are marked on our foreheads on the first day of Lent are a symbol of humility, purification and sorrow and remind us of the need to repent of our failings.

### Ash Wednesday Mass times:

- 7.00am - Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough.
- 7.00am - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Live streamed).
- 7.15am - Good Shepherd Kawana, Community Hall Buddina.
- 7.30am - Unity College Chapel, Caloundra West.
- 9.00am - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.
- 9.00am - Sacred Heart Church, Maleny.
- 9.30am - Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain.
- 9.30am - Blessed Frederic Ozanam Chapel, Currimundi.
- 5.00pm - Mary McKillop, Beerwah.
- 6.30pm - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Live streamed).

### Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes are ready for collection. Please collect your envelopes from the church, if they are not there please contact the Parish office.

## Parish Diary

### Monday 5 February

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

### Tuesday 6 February

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am  
Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am  
Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 7 February

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am  
Mass (OLR SCHOOL) 9am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 8 February

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

### Friday 9 February

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am  
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 10 February

Mass (OLR) 9am

#### Vigil Mass

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

### Sunday 11 February

*6th 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

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