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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10/11th February 2024 - Year B

Surfing and the Spiritual Life

One of my New Year's resolutions this year is to learn to surf. So recently, I arranged for a friend to take me out surfing for the first time and it was even more exhilarating than it looked. First, I had to figure out my stance and I attached the leg rope to my back foot. Next, I was taken out into the water and taught a few of the basics: how to paddle out, how to read waves, how to duck under large waves and paddle over smaller waves, and how to sit on my board while waiting between waves. Once we completed this a few times (and after numerous wipe-outs) we moved onto the exciting stuff - actually trying to surf a wave. As I tried to catch my first few waves my mate helped steady the board as I tried to remember all the things he said to me: As the wave is building, paddle hard with your feet together, push up quickly, and stand for as long as possible. After a while, I caught a few small waves and even stood up for a few seconds.



There were so many things to learn which I never knew was even remotely related to surfing - the weather, the wind, applying surf wax to help you stick to the board, surfing etiquette and right-of-way, where to put your car keys, so many intricate details and an array of things to keep me interested.

I think the same goes for the spiritual life. There's the exciting stuff, the Sacraments and a personal relationship with Jesus through prayer. And then there's the additional stuff which is still so interesting which points you to the exciting stuff - The Saints, the catechism, the finer details of the Liturgy such as the Seasons or the Colours, various Church Ministries to be involved with, what Pope Francis is getting up to and so on!

I love surfing because it feels so good when you get it right and catch a wave, but when you don't, you just pick yourself up and try again. The same goes for the Spiritual Life, if you fall over in sin, or forget to pray or damage a relationship just get back up, make amends and try again. And as with anything in life, the more you invest, the more you get out of it. The more you explore, the more you realise there is so much more to explore.

Pope Francis has declared this year as the Year of Prayer. Also, Lent is around the corner and Prayer is one of the pillars of Lent, alongside Fasting and Almsgiving. Perhaps you might like to find a way to connect with the creator of the Universe through prayer today. Surfing gives me the opportunity to be away from the busyness of the world - emails, meetings and being on-call, and I can just sit and admire God's natural beauty. Give God a few minutes of you day to say "Wow", "Thanks" or "Help", or just sit with God in silence. Ride the wave of the Spiritual Life and God will take you to places beyond your wildest dreams.

God bless, Fr Gerard

Community Life Ministry

Our team consists of John, Elaine, Viv, Donna and Janice, we meet regularly and physically support our 11 different Mass communities with hospitality, welcome events and procedures. Our Ministry's three main focus areas for 2023-2027 are:

1. *Each congregation celebrates 'belonging' at weekend Masses.* There has been excellent progress with recruiting more greeters at front doors for welcoming parishioners; Mass leaders reminding parishioners to greet each other before Mass starts; the number of name badges being proudly worn has rapidly grown too. We will continue to work towards supporting and increasing hospitality events to parishioners after all Masses. Sunday morning teas are definitely increasing and very well-attended.

2. *We advocate unity across all the communities of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish.* The Community Life Ministry team will offer support to each mass community to organise an annual event on their feast day & invite the whole parish, as occurred at Maleny's 100th anniversary celebrations recently. We have already been attending different community meetings to offer support. As well, our many volunteers throughout the wider parish will be celebrated and thanked on National Volunteers Day.

3. *All people who walk through our doors experience a spirit of welcome and belonging.* We are discussing and planning more effective ways to welcome new parishioners and follow-up with information about OLR and all the many areas of support we offer.

How can you help? More helpers are always needed to assist with events and hospitality. e.g. morning teas, Saturday night drinks; greeters need help; order and wear a name tag. Get involved and help organise your community's feast day event and continue being warm and welcoming to all parishioners especially new parishioners or visitors! Offers of help can be sent to Janice at chilcottj@bne.catholic.net.au

Janice & the Community Life Team

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



Presentation on 'Dementia Awareness'.

Have you ever wondered what dementia is? Come along this **Monday 12th February**, Leah Keating will present a talk and give you an understanding on Dementia at **10am in the OLR Church**. We will begin with **morning tea at 9.30am** – sponsored by Holy Cross Funerals.



And It All Begins on Wednesday

This Season of Lent is a time of fasting, almsgiving and consciously making room for God in our busy lives. Whatever image comes to your mind with the distribution of ashes this Wednesday, we begin another Lenten journey together. Once again, there are many opportunities to grasp during these next 40 days.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday is one of two days of fasting and abstinence set down by the Church, the other being Good Friday.

In current Catholic practice, Fasting means having only one full meal a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. Fasting applies to those who are 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 required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The spirit of the law may invite us to extend the fast to things other than food – Facebook and Instagram, surfing the net, gambling or eating sweets. The minimum fasting requirements make most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving.

The Catholic practice of fasting and almsgiving aims at leading us to interior conversion. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love and trust towards God and others.

DAILY MASS: Why not incorporate daily Mass into your Lenten journey this year? We have Mass opportunities each day during Lent except Wednesday.

PARISH MINI MISSION: It is important to make time to reflect on our lives and the direction life is taking us. To help us this year, we welcome International TV Journalist, and Catholic Evangelist, Jo Hayes, who will lead our Parish Mini Mission over 3 days from the 19-21 February daily from 9:30am at Caloundra. Jo will also lead a Mini Mission in the evenings at Stella Maris, Maroochydore from 5pm on the same days. Don't let this Lenten opportunity slip by!



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS: Available at each church are the Little Black Books, which contain short and appropriate daily reflections which are a tremendous companion throughout the days of Lent. \$2 each.

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT: This Lent why not mark in your diary the Taize prayer opportunity at Caloundra **Tuesday 27 February at 7-8pm**.

RECONCILIATION: Forgiveness should be part of everyone's Lenten journey. God's mercy is unconditional! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered **every Saturday at OLR church from 8:30am to 9am**. Our Communal Rite of Reconciliation takes place at **9am on 16th March**. Please note, there is no 9am Mass this day.

PROJECT COMPASSION: A practical and life giving aspect of Lent has always been our ability to financially support, and sacrifice for those who are not so fortunate through Project Compassion Appeal. Indeed, Project Compassion is something that all individuals and families can be involved in. Envelopes are available at the entrance to each church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: We will have Stations of the Cross during Lent at **OLR** –each Friday during Lent after the morning Mass. **Maleny** - each Tuesday after morning Mass.

LENTEN PROGRAMME: This year the Lenten Programme is entitled, "**A Resurrected Life**". All those who have been part of the programme in previous Lents have found it a valuable part of their journey – Maleny are having a discussion group each Tuesday at 1.30pm starting the 13th February.

LENT IS A SOLEMN SEASON: You will notice that together we have less decorations in the church while the *Gloria* is omitted until the great celebration of Easter.

As a Catholic Parish, as individuals and as families, Lent is an important time. To ensure that the grace of this season, and all the God-given opportunities, does not just slip through our fingers, it is important to think now how this Lent will be different and life transforming.



In Transition

We welcome **Cecile Beattie & Kalani Cottrell** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

Adoration (Ash Wednesday)

All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on Wednesday 14th February 7.30pm at OLR. We'd love to see you there!

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

The photo on the back cover of 'The Heart on the Hill' was mistakenly attributed to Peter Erdmann. The photo was taken by Jeanette Nobes as part of a Project coordinated by her in 2000 called 'MALENY - 2000 A PORTRAIT OF ITS PEOPLE'. That collection is held at the State Library in Brisbane.

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).

Pastoral Care Volunteer Program

Become a Pastoral Care Volunteer with @SouthernCrossCareQld and help make a difference to the lives of aged care residents at their Caloundra home. They are seeking expressions of interest from caring and supportive people of faith to join their Pastoral Care Volunteer Program to help residents with their emotional or spiritual needs. Successful applications will take part in an 8-week training course (commencing March 2024, and only 2 hours per week) and become a part of a great community of spiritual care volunteers. Contact Kristie McManus on 0467 717 153 for more information.



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 she can confirm numbers. All ladies are most welcome.

Term 2 Confirmation

Confirmation for all baptised children from grade 3 or older are welcome to celebrate their Confirmation in Term 2. The program starts on **23rd April 5-6pm in the OLR Church**, and runs for 7 weeks with the Confirmation ceremony on Friday 7th June.

You will need to attend all sessions to be able to celebrate the sacrament. Stella Maris Parish, Maroochydore, is running the same program a day apart so you are welcome to attend there or here. To register please visit our website <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/confirmation/>

Complete the registration form, signed by both parents and attach a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Please note you will have to do it from your computer, mobile phones don't work. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Parish office on caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



New OLR Stole Gifted to Fr Francis

Today the OLR School presented their chaplain, Fr Francis with an OLR stole. A priest wears a simple strip of material called a stole, as part of the vestments as a symbol of authority at liturgy. It is blue which is one of our school colours with our school emblem on it. This shows that Fr Francis is presiding at a special school event.



Parish Diary

Monday 12 February

Mass (OLR) 9am
NO Adoration at (OLR)

Tuesday 13 February

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

Wednesday 14 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

*See newsletter
for all Mass times*

Adoration (OLR) 7.30-8.30pm

Thursday 15 February

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

Friday 16 February

Mass (OLR) 9am
Stations of the Cross (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 17 February

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 18 February

1st Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 6.30am
Mass (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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Article from 'Sunshine Valley Gazette' on the Maleny Catholic Church Centenary

Maleny celebrated a remarkable milestone on Sunday February 4 as the Sacred Heart Catholic Church commemorated its centenary. The day was a celebration of the faith, community life and resilience of its people over that time. Parishioners both past and present and members of the wider Maleny community gathered in an overflowing church to mark this occasion in a memorable morning of thanksgiving and celebration.

Maleny's pioneering Catholics like the McCarthys and the Daleys were mostly Irish pastoralists who settled on the Range in the late 1800s. They built their church in 1924 high on a hill in Cedar Street overlooking the then sparse town centre. The acre of land, his 'dry paddock', was gifted by Patrick Daley to the Church. When built it was described as 'a very handsome and pleasing addition to the many fine buildings of this fast-developing centre'. The present more modern church building replaced it in 1975.

On Sunday the Mass to commemorate these past 100 years was celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. State and local members of government, people of other faiths and of the Maleny community were all welcomed by Vince Carbery who with his family became parishioners in 1940. Vince also had the honour of performing this same welcome nearly 50 years ago when he welcomed visitors to the opening of that second church!

The Archbishop spoke with great feeling, yet realism, about his hope for the life of the church of the future because of small rural communities like Maleny with its self-reliance and generosity of spirit. The music was played and sung with great joy. The Communion hymn was a very beautiful echo from the past evoking much nostalgia. In 1924 the Ave Maria, a traditional Latin hymn to Mary, was sung at the opening. On Sunday it was once again sung with great feeling by Margaret Taylor, Maleny's well-known operatic singer.

All moved to the Pat Daley Centre for refreshments which were a donation from Holy Cross Funerals and were generously served during the morning by Maleny CWA and Maleny Rotary. They admired the richly decorated Centenary cake and said goodbye to the 2024 'memorabilia' which were later sealed in the time capsule for opening in 25 years. More than twenty people worked on the centenary committee and many more assisted generously over the four months of preparation.

Gratefully refreshed, on a rather warm day, visitors were then treated to a presentation of the History of Maleny Catholic Church, but not your ordinary history lesson! Liz Caffery held her large audience spellbound with a history of Maleny as we had never seen it before. Beginning with her acknowledgement of the Jinibara people of the Range here long before us, her absorbing narration led us on a black and white slide journey from the 1870s to the opening of the first Maleny church in 1924. There were then some short talks on memorabilia.

The morning ended with the launch of the book by Jack Wilcox AM - *The Heart on the Hill* on which four members of the History Group had been working for many months (Liz Caffery, Anne Minter, Vince Carbery and Judy Berlak). Liz Caffery, the author of the book, says, 'As I began to explore their beginnings, I realised that this self-reliant little community, cloistered amongst the green hills, cherished a strong pride in its identity... the people were committed, communal and caring. In the book, I wanted to know not only how that spirit evolved but why it has endured for more than 100 years. This became the narrative of 'The Heart on the Hill...'

This fascinating book makes fascinating reading of the 100 years of Maleny and the Maleny Catholic Church and will be available by contacting Anne Minter: guyanneminter@gmail.com until the end of February and later at the Caloundra Catholic Parish Office (0754309390) cost \$25.



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