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2nd Sunday of Lent - 24/25 February 2024 - Year B

Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

This last week, we were incredibly blessed to have Jo Hayes with us for our annual three-day Lenten Mini Mission. Over the last three years, we've had some extremely talented speakers in Fr Richard Leonard, Br Damien Price and Bsp Tim Norton – we can now add Jo Hayes to that list. Jo's main aim was to open the 80 participants' hearts to a greater desire for hearing the voice of God, and thus pray in such a way to be in a dialogue with God through the daily practice of reading the Bible. Daily reading of the Scriptures, coupled with Silence, Solitude and Stillness are, as Jo shared, the four essential elements to hearing God's voice. God is inviting each one of us to daily, personal, private prayer with the Bible.

How is your fasting going this Lent? Are you fasting from something, or have you taken up something. Both practices are designed to lead us into a deeper relationship with both Jesus and other people. I, myself, realised that my fasting from alcohol during Lent was more about health than a concrete manifestation of my desire to know and love God/others in deeper ways. It is certainly not too late to make an adjustment to your Lenten fast.

You may remember last year, Fr Francis and I preaching about an increase in financial giving during Lent for two weeks for the purpose of hiring some key staff. I'm delighted to announce that, having now had the benefit of one year since then, we are in a position to hire both a new parish secretary to assist Vicki and the office volunteers (see page 3), and a full time Director/Coordinator of Evangelisation. If Evangelisation is our reason of existence as a Church – something Pope Paul VI wrote about in 1975, and which Pope Francis has reiterated time-and-again – then deliberately investing in Evangelisation is essential to our mission. Indeed, Evangelisation – inviting others into a relationship with Jesus – is the mission!

After advertising for someone to employ to lead our parish in evangelisation, I received six applications but none had any track record of actively accompanying people to encounter Jesus. I changed tact and began to pray about it more, acknowledging to God, "This is your parish, please reveal the right person." Low-and-behold, I think my prayers have been answered! I may have found the right person and while it's far too early to reveal any details at this stage, I simply wanted to acknowledge and thank those of you who have both continued to give, and those who were able to actively responded to the invitation to increase your giving to this mission we've been given. Your continuing generosity is not taken for granted; thank you.

The person I'm discussing this role with lives in Brisbane and while hiring them would be an absolute coup for our parish, their ability to take up the role of Director/Coordinator of Evangelisation for the parish very much relies on the availability accommodation. Do you, or anyone you know, have a one/two bed unit available to rent? I'm very much aware of the housing crisis in our part of the world but I'm also convinced that God will place it on the heart of someone who has a unit to rent to offer it (come Holy Spirit).

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

Worship

The Lenten Journey: Reflections on Changes in the Celebration of the Mass

As the solemn season of Lent unfolds, Catholics worldwide embark on a journey of spiritual renewal, reflection, and repentance. Central to this transformative period is the celebration of the Mass, which undergoes subtle yet significant changes to reflect the solemnity and introspection of Lent.

One noticeable alteration is the omission of the Gloria, a hymn of praise and thanksgiving, during most Masses throughout Lent. This omission serves as a reminder of the somber tone of the season, encouraging worshippers to focus on repentance and the need for God's mercy.

Additionally, the Penitential Rite takes on greater prominence during Lent. This rite, where the faithful acknowledge their sins and ask for forgiveness, sets the tone for a period of self-examination and reconciliation. The Lenten season provides a unique opportunity for Catholics to engage in acts of penance and seek spiritual purification.

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

Worship Ministry continued

Another change is the use of purple vestments and altar cloths, symbolizing penance, royalty, and the approach of Easter. The color purple evokes a sense of solemnity and preparation, reminding worshippers of the journey leading to Christ's resurrection.

Moreover, the Scripture readings during Lent focus on themes of repentance, fasting, and temptation, guiding believers through the desert experience akin to Christ's forty days of fasting. These readings challenge worshippers to deepen their commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, essential practices during Lent.

The celebration of the Eucharist during Lent also emphasizes the journey towards the Paschal mystery. The preface to the Eucharistic Prayer draws attention to Christ's sacrifice and redemption, inviting believers to unite their sufferings with His and find hope in the promise of resurrection.

The celebration of the Catholic Mass undergoes subtle yet profound changes during the Lenten season. These alterations serve to deepen the faithful's spiritual journey, fostering a sense of introspection, repentance, and anticipation of Christ's resurrection. As we engage in the Lenten liturgies, may we be renewed in faith, strengthened in resolve, and inspired to embrace the transformative power of the Paschal mystery.

God Bless, Paul, Worship Ministry Leader

Taizé Prayer

In the monastery at Taizé, short mantra-like songs create a relaxing style of prayer. As the words are repeated, their reality gradually penetrates our whole being. Singing becomes a way of *listening* to God. The simplicity and repetition allow us to wait attentively on God. This is a prayer of 'watching', awakening and listening. It is very much in the spirit of the Lenten Scriptures.

Come and relax in this beautiful prayer at OLR on Tuesday 27 February at 7pm.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

There are still Little Black Books available, for only \$2. They contain short and appropriate daily reflections which are a tremendous companion throughout the days of Lent.

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 23rd 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 the less fortunate through the 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

During Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross after morning Mass at OLR each Friday and Maleny each Tuesday.

LENTEN GROUP

There will be a Lenten Discussion group held in the Pat Daley Centre Maleny, each Tuesday of Lent from 1:30pm.



First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Please join us on **Saturday 2nd March @ 7.45am OLR Church Caloundra**

Explore your hidden talent!

Jude's Art Class are back on every Wednesday 10am-12noon in the Parish Centre (Egan room).

All are welcome, from beginners to advanced. Call Jude for further details on 0421 777 508.



On the Journey

We welcome *Ava McDonald, Lily & Gracie Crossingham and Xavier Mitchell* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Carmel Moore* who died last week and whose funeral will be at OLR on Friday 1/3/24 at 11am. We also pray for *Nancy Tozer* who will be remembered this weekend with her family. May their souls and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

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

Welcome

Erin Osborne is one of our young adults in the parish who has recently joined our parish office team. Last year, Erin lived in the Northern Territory serving as a full-time missionary with NET Ministries. During her year of mission, Erin lived with a group of other young adults who travelled the Northern Territory running retreats for school students, serving in various parishes, and visiting Aboriginal communities. She has joined the parish team, working part time in the office whilst completing her university studies. We are very pleased to have her join our team.



Fr Josh

Vinnies 2 Day Book and Plant Sale

St Vincent de Paul fundraising event will once again be held at the Kawana Catholic Community Centre, Nanyima Street, Buddina (opposite the Kawana Library) on **Friday 15th & Saturday 16th March from 8am - 2pm**. There will be a large collection of fiction books, including large print, classics and romance books, non-fiction and children's books, as well as jigsaw puzzles, games, DVDs, CDs and a bric-a-brac table. For the garden lovers, there will be a variety of beautiful and hardy indoor and garden plants to brighten up your home. All proceeds go to assisting the St Vincent de Paul Kawana Conference in continuing to support those experiencing hardship due to homelessness, DV, increase rent and cost of living. Come and grab yourself a bargain while supporting those in need in our local community. For more information or donations call Maria on 0427 181 089.



Join Us for a Lector's Workshop!

Are you ready to deepen your connection to the Word of God and enhance your ministry and participation in the Mass? The Parish is thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Lector's Workshop. Whether you're a seasoned lector or simply intrigued by the opportunity to proclaim the Word of God, this workshop is designed for you. Led by an instructor with over 55 years' experience in proclaiming the Word of God, this immersive event promises to refine your skills, bolster your confidence, and enrich your understanding of scripture. Discover the art of effective storytelling, learn techniques for engaging delivery, and delve into the spiritual significance of your role as a lector. This opportunity is open to all parishioners and individuals across the Parish eager to embrace the sacred responsibility of proclaiming God's message.

Join us as we come together to deepen our connection to the Word and strengthen our community through the power of proclamation. Don't miss out on this enriching opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. Reserve your spot today and let your voice resonate with the Divine!

When: Wednesday, 28 February 7pm - 8pm Where: OLR Church.

Please register via LinkTree

Term 2 Confirmation

All baptised children from grade 3 or older are welcome to celebrate their Confirmation in Term 2. The program starts on **23rd April at 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, as mobile phones don't work. For any questions please contact the Parish office

on caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Diary

Monday 26 February

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

Tuesday 27 February

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

Wednesday 28 February

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

Thursday 29 February

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

Friday 1 March

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

Saturday 2 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 3 March

3rd 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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