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3rd Sunday of Lent - 2/3 March 2024 - Year B

Shock Horror: God is inviting me into his work!

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus causes quite the scene in the temple: he creates a makeshift whip and goes to town on the various services offered within the temple courtyard: money changers and those selling animals for sacrifice. He flips the tables and drives them away. It must have been upsetting enough, but he then goes further, claiming his "father's house" was being turned "into a market" and that to justify himself, he could "rebuild the temple in three days".

I am reminded of the sort of scenes caused by protestors today: throwing paint at priceless paintings, defacing the front of stores, disrupting traffic by standing on the roads... the list goes on. Regardless of whether we agree with them, we can't deny their shock value and that they get heard far and wide. No doubt, Jesus' statement was loud and clear and likely the talk of the town.

I wonder what people talked about when they discussed those shocking scenes? Jesus communicated loudly, but I don't know if he communicated clearly... we're told that the disciples understood what it all meant after he rose from the dead.

Experiencing a 'shock' or multiple shocks from God is a part of our journey. They can be unpleasant, but always the start of something new - perhaps a deeper reflection on who we believe God to be; perhaps how we wish to relate back to God and the world going forward. Has this Lent offered you a bit of "shock treatment" yet? Even if initially unpleasant, God's actions produce a sense of consolation (the disciples today seem to experience some awe, despite the horror unfolding before them). Conversely, it is possible to hear something sweet from our friends or enemies, but be left feeling empty - we sometimes describe the feeling as knowing we are lying to ourselves or letting ourselves off the hook. Are you feeling shocked in a good way this Lent?

It is fitting that this Sunday, the OLR Caloundra Sunday 9:30am community will make an appeal for volunteers. I am often surprised by the "shock" people display at being asked to help out with ministries at Mass or with activities around the parish. I will own the seminary 'volun-told' us a lot, so I take a few things for granted. Having said that - and precisely because I've been 'put out there' so much - I assure you that many things are *easier done than said*. To you, the 9:30am crowd, I join my voice with the parish to encourage you in saying: Please sign yourselves up to help our community to facilitate encounters with Jesus Christ! You won't have to run the show, but more hands will make for lighter work!

To the wider parish, please consider where you can give more of your time to God through helping out in the parish. The wider appeal will take place in May, at the end of National Volunteer's Week.

I hope this ask on my part does shock you. I hope God does leave you a little unsettled if you are available but avoid volunteering. I do not wish you any distress, but want to see us stepping out onto the deeper water with Christ and experiencing God and the parish community in new ways as you discover new gifts in yourself.

See you in the week.
Fr. Francis

Youth and Young Adults

Hey friends! So much has been happening in the youth and young adult space since the year began and it is a great joy of mine to share some of those fruits with you. Thank you to all of those who have prayed for this ministry, and who continue to donate their resources and time to us.

Our youth group: **Kingdom Youth**: has started for the year. Kingdom Youth is for high schoolers in Years 7 - 12. We gather each Friday night from 6pm - 8:30pm at Unity College. Last week, we had an incredible 64 students in attendance. We shared a meal and played some games before moving into the chapel to hear some input and to be led in praise and worship by our incredible youth leaders and band. This term we are focusing on the Holy Spirit, and how we can seek out and utilise the opportunities around us to experience moments of encounter. This past Friday night we looked at the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, and how they are at work in our lives today. If you have a high schooler in your life, we would love to meet and support them! Please reach out to me via email.

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

Youth & Young Adults con't.....

Our young adult group-**Kingdom YA**- has also been very busy. Meeting weekly on Wednesdays, the group is for those between the ages of 18 - 30 who are seeking community. We offer a range of opportunities (social events, prayer opportunities, and formation nights) each month. Recently, the Sisters of Mary Morning Star visited us from Brisbane to speak on the topic of vocations, followed by a small dinner, and Adoration. On Saturday, we gathered together in Kenilworth for a retreat day led by Fr Francis as a Lenten check-in. Our schedule included morning prayer, input, a hike, lunch, and Mass. Next Wednesday, we will be gathering socially and would love to meet some new friends. Please let me know if you would like more details!

You can follow us on Instagram for all event info @[kingdom.caloundra](#). Please email myself and the team at cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au for any enquiries.

Take care,
Felicity, Kathryn, Erin, and Elijah (Youth & YA Team)

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

There are still Little Black Books, please take one they are now free.

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

LENTEN GROUP

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



Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 15th March at 12 noon** at Caloundra Hotel 12 Bulcock Street Caloundra. All ladies are welcome to attend.

Could you please contact Maureen on 0437 738 326 by Monday 11th March if you would like to join us.

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.



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.

You are all welcome!



Term 2 Confirmation

All baptised children from grade 3 and up 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 that you will have to do it from your computer, as this site does not work well on mobile phones.

For any questions please contact the Parish office at caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

Baptism Preparation Evening for Infants

Those parents with children from age 0-7 wishing for them to be baptized are reminded of the preparation meeting which takes place at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra, this **Thursday 7th March**, beginning at 7pm.

At this short preparation meeting we outline some of the symbols used at the ceremony, answer any questions and confirm dates.

To book in for the preparation evening please contact the Parish office.



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

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, increased rents and the rise in cost of living expenses. 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.



Chrism Mass 2024

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual Chrism Mass to be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Thursday 21 March 2024 commencing at 7:00pm**. This Mass is a celebration for the whole Archdiocese, and everyone is welcome. The Cathedral car park will be available from 6:00pm. A light supper will be served following the Mass.

Monday Craft Group

Have you got free time on a Monday? Are you looking for something to do? Do you enjoy craft? Well we have just the group for you! Come along to the Monday craft group held in the Egan room of the parish centre every week, from **9-12noon**. For more information please call Helen McGlynn on 0409 050 722. You are more than welcome!

150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen

As part of the celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral of St Stephen, on the weekend of **10/11 May 2024**, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Umberto Clerici will perform *Mass in C minor by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart* in the Cathedral. There are three different shows and tickets are available from the QSO website:

<https://qso.com.au/events/2024/special-events/special-event-mozart-mass>

A Year of Invitation

My Lord and my God, you never cease to invite me to know, love and follow your Son, Jesus. Give me the grace and courage to be a channel of your love so that my "yes" to you becomes an invitation to others. I offer up my entire self - heart, mind and will - to your purpose for me. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Work Place Health & Safety

We all have a duty of care to each other, so if you see any issues of concern please email the parish office as we need a paper trail to attend to issues.

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 on 000 or information can be provided to STOPLINE anonymously.

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Parish Diary

Monday 4 March

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

Tuesday 5 March

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

Wednesday 6 March

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

Thursday 7 March

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

Friday 8 March

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

Saturday 9 March

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 10 March

4th 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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