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## 2nd Sunday of Easter - 6/7 April 2024 - Year B

### Lenten Learnings

Happy Easter one and all! I hope that you have had a joy-filled Easter. As I write this, I reflect on my own journey leading up to Easter which started as we commenced the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. I thought it was rather appropriate that on Valentine's Day, a day of Love, Lent should also begin, as Lent prepares us for Easter, a day in which Jesus revealed his unconditional love for us.

This Lent, I embraced a few disciplines: giving up chocolate, lollies, alcohol and snacking; and took on sleeping earlier, minimalizing screen time and regular exercise. Honestly, I took it pretty seriously and was fairly successful. However, as I sit here, just a few days after Easter, I think I have eaten more chocolate over 3 days than I would have eaten over the 40-days of Lent, had I not given it up. This got me thinking: what is the purpose of Lent? And what are the fruits of my Lenten journey? Disciplines are supposed to make you a better person, and not make you bitter, angry and miserable. As with all goal-setting and life changes, they should be small and gradual, otherwise you'll find yourself running out of steam and relapsing. So make a plan and observe yourself; consider it a self-experiment and become very curious about it all. Discipline is as much about self-knowledge in the process as it is about the end-result. Did you accidentally eat meat on a Friday in Lent? Did you forget to pray? Did you lose your temper or judge another person? Well that's okay. You can't turn back time, but you can change the future, so take it as a key learning and move on.

Have you taken on a habit in Lent that you want to make a bigger part of your life? All power to you! Take Easter as a checkpoint, like video games where your progress saves and your character restarts at the "checkpoint" when you fail. Perhaps that's how you could see life and its various milestones: as a series of checkpoints, towards the ultimate Easter - heaven.

In this journey, we aim to develop self-mastery and try and become the best versions of ourselves. Have you given in to vices and temptations? Have you sinned? Have you fallen over? Well, that's okay, pick yourself up, grow from it. Take it as a learning opportunity and move on. Sometimes we can imprison ourselves in our own internal courtroom, caught in the vicious cycle of shame and regret. That's okay, just start again. You only have today anyway. Jesus doesn't condemn us and neither should you condemn yourself (Jn 8:11). Jesus came to set us free, Jesus came to give us an example to live by, Jesus said "I came that you might have life and have it to the full!" (Jn 10:10). This Sunday celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday. So, if you've messed up (and let's face it, we all do) then run to God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession. Let the supernatural graces wash over you as you start afresh. And as you continue your pilgrimage on life's way, may the blessings of the risen Jesus empower you towards your goals.

Pilgrim well,  
Fr Gerard

### Reflecting on the Time After Jesus' Resurrection: A Season of Renewal and Hope – Worship Ministry Update

As we journey through the liturgical calendar, we find ourselves in a profound season of reflection and renewal, celebrating the glorious event of Jesus Christ's resurrection. The time after Jesus' resurrection is a period filled with profound significance and transformative power, offering us an opportunity to deepen our faith and embrace the hope that comes from the victory of Christ over sin and death.

In the days following the resurrection, the disciples experienced a range of emotions – initial disbelief, overwhelming joy, and a sense of mission that propelled them into the world to share the good news. This period serves as a reminder that our faith journey is not without its doubts and uncertainties, but it is through these challenges that we are called to lean on the promise of Christ's resurrection and trust in His unfailing love. *Continued over the page....*

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

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One of the most profound aspects of the post-resurrection period is the encounters with the risen Christ. From Mary Magdalene at the tomb to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, these encounters were transformative and deeply personal, reminding us that Jesus is not merely a historical figure but a living presence in our lives today.

As we reflect on these encounters, we are invited to open our hearts to the presence of Christ in our midst, allowing His love to penetrate our doubts and fears and fill us with the hope of new life. The time after Jesus' resurrection also marks the beginning of the Church's mission to proclaim the gospel to all nations. Empowered by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the disciples embarked on a journey that would ultimately transform the world. Similarly, we are called to be witnesses to the resurrection in our own time and place, sharing the message of hope and salvation with all whom we encounter.

As we journey through this sacred season, may we be inspired by the faith and courage of the early disciples, and may we be renewed in our commitment to live as Easter people, filled with hope and joy, and empowered to share the good news of Christ's resurrection with the world.

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### **Encounter Kids Holiday Program**

Our Parish is offering a one-day holiday program for Primary Schoolers in Prep to Year 6 on **Friday 12 April**. The day will be held in the Parish Centre (Egan Room) from 9am-3pm with supervision available from 8:30am – 5pm. Cost is \$25 for one child, \$40 for two children; 3rd child and any after are free. Scan the QR code or visit [encountercatholickids.com.au/caloundra](http://encountercatholickids.com.au/caloundra) for more information.

### **OLR Inaugural Book Club**

Save the date for the OLR inaugural Book Club on **Thursday, April 18th at 5-6pm** in the Parish Centre. Ensure you have your copy of "He Leadeth Me" by Father Csizek, Let's gather to dive into the first two chapters and launch the club discussions. Sign up using the OLR Linktree found at the What's On section on our church website.

### **Adoration**

All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30pm at the OLR church. We'd love to see you there!

### **Ladies Lunch**

The next Ladies Lunch will be at Dom's at Kings 79 Edmund Street Kings Beach on Friday 19th April at 12 noon. If you would like to come please contact Deborah (0410531901) by Monday 15th so we can advise numbers. It is really important for this lunch that numbers are attained beforehand. All ladies are welcome

### **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.

### **On the Journey**

We welcome *Spencer, Riley, Zara & Mia Yeo* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Marie Dominguez & Elizabeth Schwabe* whose funerals will be held on Tuesday the 9th April 11am at OLR and Thursday 11th April 1pm at Gregson & Weight Caloundra respectively. 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.

### Misa Mensual en Espanol

To all our Spanish speaking parishioners and friends - Once a month at St Mary's church, King Street, Buderim we have Mass celebrated in Spanish. The next Mass will be at **6pm on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** - please join us and tell your friends! *A todos nuestros feligreses y amigos de habla hispana: una vez al mes en la iglesia de St Mary, King Street Buderim, celebramos misa en español. La próxima misa será a las 6 p. m. el sábado 13 de abril. ¡Únase a nosotros y cuénteles a sus amigos!* For your diary, we will be celebrating a Mass in Spanish every second Saturday of the month - for further details please contact Patricia 0480 304 643. Please tell your Spanish speaking friends. *Gracias*

### Praying with the Liturgy - A Liturgical Retreat

For all involved in preparing & celebrating liturgy, readers, communion ministers, music ministers, liturgy committee members... and all who gather for worship.

You are invited to a half-day retreat from **9am-12.30pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April** at Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo. There is a small cost, which the parish will cover, and which includes morning tea. The retreat will offer liturgy-focused input, experience and reflection and is presented by Fr Tom Elich & Sr Jill O'Brien. If you would like to attend this retreat experience please call the parish office, 5430 9390, 9am-1pm, Mon-Fri, to express your interest and inform us whether you are able to car pool.

### Highlights from Easter Weekend



We welcomed in three RCIA candidates, Edgar, Amber and Carlos (L to R) with Fr. Francis on the weekend.



The OLR Church was overflowing whilst celebrating Easter Sunday.

### 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.

### The Season of Easter

Just as there is a time of preparation leading up to Easter - the 40 days of Lent, there is a period after Easter when we continue the joy of the resurrection - the 50-day season of Easter, or Eastertide. Perhaps the best way to understand the Easter season, which runs from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, is to consider it as an overflow from the Vigil and a time for exploring the Easter mysteries. For those who were baptised at Easter, it is the period of mystagogy when the "spiritual and heavenly mysteries of the Church are explained". The continuity between the Easter Vigil and Eastertide is seen in the worship environment. Banners, hangings and other decorations for the Vigil remain in place until Pentecost. The central symbols of water and light are used throughout the fifty days. The paschal candle is placed near the ambo or altar until Pentecost and is lit during all liturgical celebrations to remind us that Christ is indeed our light. The document on the liturgical year says that the fifty days of the Easter season are "the days for the singing of the Alleluia". In this "week of weeks" (Easter Time is seven weeks long) we sing our Alleluias, to the risen Christ and celebrate our new life in him.

## Parish Diary

### Monday 8 April

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

### Tuesday 9 April

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

### Wednesday 10 April

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 11 April

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9:30am

### Friday 12 April

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

### Saturday 13 April

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am  
Mass (OLR) 9am

### Vigil Mass

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

### Sunday 14 April

*3rd Sunday of Easter*

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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