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3rd Sunday of Easter - 13/14 April 2024 - Year B

The Acts of the Apostles 2000 years on!

The liturgical season of Eastertide spans across the next five weeks, until Pentecost Sunday. Over these next five weeks, in both the weekday and weekend readings we will hear from the book of The Acts of the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles is the New Testament book which follows immediately after the four Gospels. It is written by Luke the evangelist and is the continuation of the Gospel of Luke.

Notice that last Sunday - the Sunday immediately after Easter - the Gospel already recalls Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit upon his disciples. We hear this happening again at Pentecost. Why? Because while formally, Pentecost occurred 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, God, in the form of the Holy Spirit was already at work immediately after the resurrection, empowering the disciples to preach the Good News of Jesus' resurrection from the dead. We also read that between Jesus' resurrection and the formal outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Jesus kept appearing to many people, and the disciples kept going around to preach the Good News, eventually starting many early church communities.



Isn't it amazing how over 2000 years later, there are over 1.3 billion Catholics, in every country and continent thanks to the hard work of the 12 apostles and their followers. Just like the early church, we gather together to share in fellowship and the breaking of the bread before going out on mission into the world again.

Over the next five weeks of Eastertide leading up to our Parish Service Day on 26th May, the priests will be preaching a series of homilies about mission. Specifically, encouraging all to be active participants in the life of the parish community by volunteering in one of the six ministry areas: Children & Families, Community Life, Faith & Formation, Service & Outreach, Worship or Youth and Young Adults.

As a continuation of early church 2000 years on, we are very much the acts of the apostles in the 21st century. We are called to act as apostles who have faith in the risen Christ, and who share in that joy with others. A joy which is more than a passive turn up and then leave, but a joy which compels us to continue to build the life of the Parish; not just changed for a day but transformed for life! Just like in the gospel today, may Jesus open our minds to understand and encounter him, to answer the invitation to serve his mission in his Church today and every day.

What might serving the church look like for you within this parish?

God bless, Fr Gerard

Youth & Young Adults

What a great Term 1 Kingdom Youth has had!! Our Youth Group, for years 7-12, was in full swing for Term 1 and we are so grateful to have welcomed around 60 students each Friday night as we looked at content around the Holy Spirit. The word we are journeying with this year is "Spirit" and it's been wonderful to dive into it as so many of our youth are experiencing their own encounters of Jesus. We look forward to Term 2, starting again on **Friday 26th April** from 6-8:30pm at Unity College. All teens are welcome!

Our young adult group also continues to meet weekly on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in connecting into a wonderful community of young and like-minded people, please don't hesitate to email us at cp.youthandyoungadults@bne.catholic.net.au

We look forward to taking groups once more to Ignite Launch and Ignite Conference very soon - wonderful opportunities of community and encounter with other faith filled youth around Brisbane. We will be doing some fundraising in the coming months and would be so grateful for your support as we endeavour to provide our youth with every possibility to engage in their faith. More details to come.

Please follow us on Instagram to stay up to date [@kingdom.caloundra](https://www.instagram.com/kingdom.caloundra)

We pray you had a wonderful Easter and that you are experiencing the joy and hope of our Lord each day.

God bless,

Felicity, Kath, Erin, and Elijah

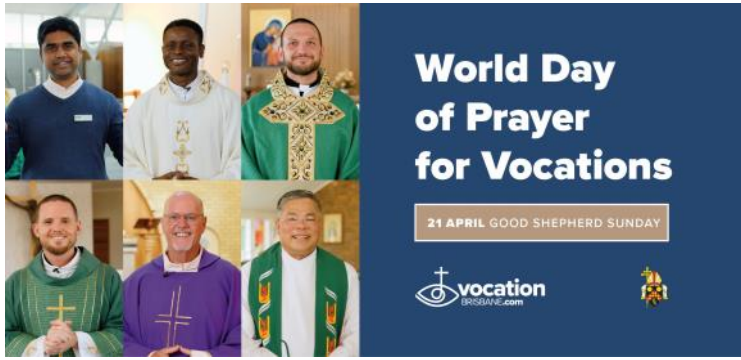
Our Parish's Mission is to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus.

OLR Inaugural Book Club

The OLR inaugural Book Club on **Thursday, April 18th at 5-6pm** is 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, or the QR code in the newsletter.

Grief Support

The next bi-monthly Grief Support Mass for all parishioners will be held at OLR on **Friday 19th April at 9am** followed by morning tea. Major life changes or events may cause severe emotional distress. If the Grief Support team can be of confidential assistance, please contact the Parish office or email Kath at olrgriefsupp@gmail.com



Good Shepherd Kawana Feast Day 21st April

Next Sunday is the Feast Day for Good Shepherd at Kawana. After our 8am morning Mass we will be offering coffee and cake in the rotunda.

Please join us for our celebration.



Upcoming Liturgical Workshops

The lector's workshops are still continuing and aimed at deepening the skills and mindset of all existing lectors as well as those wishing to join. It is our vision for workshops to be a part of the rhythm of life of this parish, since no one workshop can cover every facet of proclaiming God's Word. Your involvement will enrich you and your worshipping community! So come along! All sessions will be in the Church following Mass.

Scheduled dates are:

Landsborough: 14 April, after 7am Mass

Kawana: 28 April, after 8am Mass in the Good Shepherd Centre

Unity: 8am & 5pm 28 April, at 3:30pm - before the Evening Mass

OLR: 4 May, after 5.00pm Mass

OLR 5 May - a single session will be held at 8am in the OLR church for 6.30am & 9.30am lectors.

Know Your Faith

Fr. Francis' catechetical series "Know Your Faith" in Maleny **will not** be held this coming Tuesday (16th), due to a prior commitment. All are welcome to the next Maleny session on the 21st of May.

Our Adult Faith Formation Team warmly invites all parishioners to '**know your Faith**' a little more. Fr Francis is offering small group faith formation opportunities at OLR, Landsborough and Maleny on a monthly cycle:

- Wk 1 Landsborough Friday 9.30am
- Wk 2 OLR Thursday 5pm
- Wk 3 Maleny Tuesday 9.30am
- Wk 4 OLR Thursday 5pm.
- No offering in the fifth week of a month

Please join us to learn more about the beauty and wonder of our faith!

Praying with the Liturgy - A Liturgical Retreat

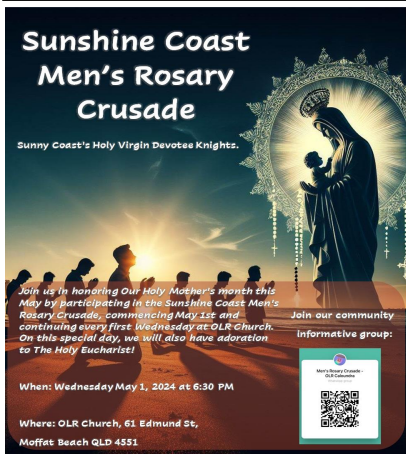
For all involved in preparing & celebrating liturgy, readers, communion ministers, music ministers, liturgy committee members... and all who gather for worship.

You are invited to a half-day retreat from **9am-12.30pm on Saturday 20th 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.

On the Journey

We welcome *Alastair Landers, Riccardo Davis & Emersyn Cowan-Clark* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend. May the souls of our loved ones who have recently died 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.



Men's Rosary Crusade

Recently, a small group of men from the OLR Church community in Caloundra, took the humble yet devoted initiative to start our very own local Sunshine Coast Men's Rosary Crusade. Our theme is "Sunny Coast's Holy Virgin Devotee Knights," as we respond to Our Holy Mother Virgin Mary's invitation. In this year of "invitation," we extend this call to all who resonate with our purposes and intentions.

To coincide with the celebration of Our Holy Mother's month in May, our inaugural rosary gathering will commence on May 1st, the first Wednesday of the month. This Holy Rosary will be carried out each first Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM at the OLR Church. However, we encourage everyone to join our WhatsApp group using the QR code, in case of any special events, news, or in case scheduled activities change. We hope that your "yes" becomes an invitation to others to join us in this noble endeavour of prayer, unity, and devotion to Our Lady.



Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be in *Dom's at Kings* on **Friday 19th April at 12noon.**

If you would like to come please contact

Deborah on 0410531901 by Monday 15th to RSVP.

It is important for this lunch that numbers are attained beforehand.

All ladies are welcome.

Alpha Term 2 Course

Next Alpha starts on **April 30th!**

In our year of invitation, have you considered who you could invite to our next Alpha Course? Alpha Term 2 at OLR begins on **Tuesday evening at 6pm** in the Parish Centre. Register now at the Office or via the Parish Linktree.

It is an 8 week course, dinner and great company included!

Order of Malta

The Knights and Dames of the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of St John are one of the oldest Catholic lay religious orders in the world since their inception in 1099. Establishing a hospital in Jerusalem, then as an ancient order of chivalry to protect pilgrims on their travels through the Holy Land, the Knights and Dames of Malta are nowadays focused more on defending the faith and assisting the poor and the sick. Some examples of their recent campaigns include: coats for the homeless, camps for disabled youth, care for the sick & elderly and establishing a medical clinic in Timor-Leste, to name a few. Several times throughout the year, they attend Mass together as a sign of solidarity and to gain greater publicity for the order. They are found in over 120 countries and make an immensely positive impact on the poor through their outreach. If this sounds like something you're interested in, please contact Danny Higgins on 0413017266 or see the Order of Malta website <https://www.orderofmalta.org.au>



Parish Diary

Monday 15 April

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

Tuesday 16 April

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

Wednesday 17 April

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

Thursday 18 April

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

Friday 19 April

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

Saturday 20 April

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

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 21 April

4th 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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