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5th Sunday of Easter - 27/28 April 2024 - Year B

The Joy of the Gospel

The “joy of the gospel” is the theme of Pope Francis’ 2013 apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*. The very first words from that document – “The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus” – carry much weight in the context of **our parish’s mission**: to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus. Encountering Jesus is often described by people as the experience of being filled with or given something that wasn’t previously there: joy, love, peace, or hope. Many people describe this experience as *being filled with the Holy Spirit* – in whose power lies these wonderful gifts, and by whose power we are transformed.

Friends, the *transformation* of our lives in order to be conformed to Jesus is the name of the Catholic-Christian game. This theme of *transformation* utterly pervades our Gospel this weekend. Jesus’ words, “I am the vine, you are the branches,” speak to the necessity of being pruned (transformed) into people who produce fruit. Indeed, grape vines, like all fruit trees, require pruning/cutting back so that they bear *more* fruit. This *fruit* in our lives is nothing other than leading others to encounter Jesus. But that’s a difficult, even impossible, thing to do if we aren’t sure that we have ever encountered Him ourselves.

For most people (not all, but I’d hazard a guess, *most*), who have encountered Jesus, however, it wasn’t something that just happened to them. They weren’t walking along the street and were magically zapped with joy, love, peace, or hope. For most people, their experience came as a tremendous gift which started with a desire in their hearts for *more*. They began to satisfy their desire for *more* by investing in their faith through prayer and learning by seeking to understand the gift of faith they already possessed; this caused a new openness in their hearts for the *more* that Jesus desired for them.

Faith & Formation Ministry in our parish – like the other five ministry areas – is an indispensable part of our Mission going forward. The ministry’s mandate is to guide and facilitate the development of faith and discipleship in all adult parishioners through providing opportunities for spiritual and prayerful accompaniment, formation experiences, and open dialogue. In our parish (and as we continue to implement our five-year plan), there are people who are embodying many of our **values** by **courageously**, **generously** and **joyfully** using their gifts to offer Faith & Formation opportunities for others. They do so in a way which communicates their desire to be **relationship-centred** with others and which also becomes an expression of their desire to also be **authentically Christ-centred**. As well as people serving these ways in the Faith & Formation Ministry, we also have a growing stable of parishioners who, in this new season of our parish’s journey, are both **courageously**, and **joyfully** engaging in opportunities to learn and grow in their faith and formation. Ultimately, these opportunities create a space for transformation in hearts that desire more, and, therefore, lead to a desire to be more **Christ-centred** and **relationship-centred**.

Friends, these are our **Parish Values** and so as we continue our journey to the celebration of National Volunteers’ Week, I would like to conclude by inviting you to celebrate others when you see them living our Values in outward ways.

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

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

Adult Faith & Formation

Faith and Formation are continuing our theme of 'Journey in Faith' in 2024

Each of us is in a different place on our own journey to God. Christ, however, wants us to travel in communion with each other as members of his Body, the Church. With that in mind, we have three streams to our Ministry:

1. Alpha
2. Know your Faith
3. Faith Circles

Alpha



Our next Alpha course starts next Tuesday 30th April at 6pm at OLR. It is not too late to invite someone to this encounter with Jesus! Register via the QR code in this newsletter.

Please keep all participants and team members in your prayers as we move through this 8-week program.

Know your Faith

Fr Francis is taking the 'Know Your Faith' sessions on the road! These are small group faith formation opportunities on a variety of interesting topics on a monthly cycle - starting in May:

Wk 1 Landsborough Friday 9.30am (This Friday 3rd May)

Wk 2 OLR Thursday 5pm

Wk 3 Maleny Tuesday 9.30 am

Wk 4 OLR Thursday 5pm

Put the dates in your diaries now and join us as we Journey in Faith together! There is no need to RSVP, just come along.

Faith Circles

Faith Circles are small groups gathering for particular faith based purpose. Our vision is that each member of our community is connected to one or more Faith Circles as we *journey in faith*.

Our newest Faith Circles are catholic book clubs - being offered at Caloundra and Maleny. Our current book is *He Leadeth Me* by Fr Walter Cizek SJ. This moving exploration of faith under the direst of circumstances is a must read.

It is not too late to join in, copies of the book are available at the Parish Office. Email

cp.faithandformation@bne.catholic.net.au or register on our Linktree.

The Faith and Formation team - Fr Francis, Luke MacMillan, Julie Borger, Carol Devcich, Caroline Kettle & Beth Davies

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. Please register for your workshop via Linktree. Scheduled dates are:

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.

Maleny

Sacred Heart Maleny will be holding a Beef & Beverage Brunch following **9:00 am Mass on Sunday 5th May**.

All parishioners are invited. If you would like to attend it is requested you provide a meat dish i.e. casserole or such to share and a beverage of your choosing. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided".

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday 4th May @ 7.45am OLR Church.
Caloundra, you are all welcome.



May Count

In the month of May we will be doing the annual Archdiocesan Mass count on each of the four Sundays in May.

On the Journey

We welcome *Alice & Evie Kirkwood, Zack Satterthwaite and Ella & Eden Verstappen* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Noela Olsen* who died last week, her funeral will be on **Tuesday 30th April at 11am at Gregson & Weight.**

May her soul 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.

Caloundra Mothers Day Celebrations.

Saturday, 11th May 5pm mass-wine, cuppa & food;
Sunday, 12th May 6:30am mass-croissants, pastries & cuppa;
9:30am- Devonshire tea.

Invite your Mums! Mothers or anyone who has mothered. All welcome!!



Ladies Lunch

Thank you to all 36 ladies who attended our last Ladies Lunch at Dom's at Kings. Thank you also to Dom for a great lunch. It was lovely to meet so many ladies who hadn't attended a lunch before. There was a true sense of fun and fellowship which was enhanced by a fine day and beautiful setting.



Monastic Craft Sale at OLR/Unity

Sunday, the 5th of May, the Sisters of Mary Morning Star will be hosting a craft sale after the following Masses, OLR 6.30am & 9.30am, Unity 5pm, to raise funds for their community. They will be selling home-made jams, rosaries, Baptismal and decorative candles, CDs, pottery and leather goods. Please come and help support their community! The craft sales will accept cash and bank transfer.

Men's Rosary Crusade

The celebration of our inaugural rosary will commence this Wednesday the 1st May, the first Wednesday of the month.

On this special day, we will also have adoration to The Holy Eucharist!

This Holy Rosary will be carried out every first Wednesday evening at 6:30pm at the OLR Church. 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.



World Mission – May Rosary Prayers

In the month of May, Catholic Mission is once again excited to invite you all to honour Mother Mary through praying the "mission rosary" online.



The World Mission Rosary aims to "embrace the world in prayer" and especially pray for those living in poverty. This special rosary has a colour-coded decade representing each continent where the Church continues our foundress Pauline Jaricot's mission. It helps us to understand what it means to belong to a Global Church and how the Church can be a leader in the world through the work of Mission.

Monday - Friday. Time: 2pm Brisbane / Melbourne time / 12 pm Perth time
Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/cmprayer>
Meeting ID: 893 8798 2280
Password: 876574

Parish Diary

Monday 29 April

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

Tuesday 30 April

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

Wednesday 1 May

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

Thursday 2 May

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

Friday 3 May

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

Saturday 4 May

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

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 5 May

6th 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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