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6th Sunday of Easter - 4/5May 2024 - Year B

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.

In today's Gospel (John 15:9-17), Jesus speaks of a profound love, one that transcends human understanding. He speaks of a love that is rooted in sacrifice and devotion, a love that mirrors the divine love of God Himself. As I reflect on this passage, I am struck by the depth and breadth of God's love for us.



Jesus begins by stating, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you." This comparison is staggering in its implications. It suggests that the love between the Father and the Son is the same love that Jesus extends to us. It is a love that is eternal, unconditional, and unwavering.

Moreover, Jesus goes on to say, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Here, Jesus not only defines the ultimate expression of love—self-sacrifice—but also foreshadows His own impending sacrifice on the cross. It is through His death and resurrection that we are reconciled to God. Jesus' death as an innocent, sinless man is historical evidence to the boundless love He has for each of us.

Furthermore, Jesus invites us into a deeper relationship with Him, saying, "You are my friends if you do what I command." This friendship is not based on merit or worthiness but on our willingness to follow His teachings and abide in His love (just like last week's gospel – to attach ourselves as branches to Jesus who is the vine). It is a relationship built on trust, obedience, and mutual affection.

As I contemplate these words, I am reminded of the immense privilege it is to be called a friend of Jesus. It is a privilege that comes with great responsibility—to love one another as He has loved us. This love is not passive or superficial but active and sacrificial. It requires us to extend grace, forgiveness, and compassion to those around us, even when it is difficult. St Thomas Aquinas, one of the Einstein's of the Catholic Church defines love as "willing the good of the other." *Do I will the good of the other? Do I even think about those around me or does my day revolve around me? How might I be called to love and will the good of those around me today?*

This Gospel offers a profound meditation on the nature of God's love. It is a love that is sacrificial, unconditional, and transformative. It is a love that invites us into a deeper relationship with our Creator and with one another. May we strive to abide in this love and to share it with the world around us, for it is through love that we truly reflect the image of God. Thus, if God is love, and if we are loving towards others, then we are not only reflecting goodness, but also God-ness in the world!

With brotherly love, Fr Gerard

Community Life

Community Life ministry team continue to support all churches/mass centre communities throughout the OLR parish by supporting and facilitating experiences of welcome, belonging and "connection and participation" to create "a vibrant parish" and communities.

Thanks to the many parishioners around the parish who have supported and volunteered to help with our endeavours! We are making steady progress.

Hospitality: Many hospitality events have occurred, setting up social events for our parishioners i.e. "cuppas", wine & cheese, brunch etc after weekend masses, serving refreshments after funerals, and special days (Harmony Day; Volunteers Day). Recently, Kawana celebrated their feast day with great gusto.

Greeters at every weekend masses have been vital in creating a feeling of welcome and "belonging".

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

Community Life continued.....

Mass Leaders play a vital role in creating a warm and inclusive atmosphere before the mass starts, especially as they encourage parishioners to introduce each other.

Name Badges are helping break down the barriers to creating a “vibrant community”. Forty new name tags have been ordered so far this year with more orders coming into the parish office.

78 Extraordinary Ministers (communion to the sick) across the whole of the parish to an average of 745 parishioners monthly in aged care or house bound.

Future plans for Community Life Ministry team support: Mothers Day-special hospitality events after each Caloundra mass - May 11 & 12; Landsborough 70th Anniversary breakfast – May 26th; Maleny will celebrate their feast day on June 2; setting up procedures to register and welcome new parishioners and compiling and publishing a booklet detailing parish details.

BUT, we could achieve much, much more with many more offers of help in any of the areas listed above. Please contact cp.communitylife@bne.catholic.net.au

Community Life team: John, Viv, Elaine, Donna & Janice

Upcoming Liturgical Workshops

The last of our lector's workshops is this weekend at OLR. 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.

Parish Car Park

Please be aware that the main church carpark requires **REVERSE parking**. This is to ensure the safety of our children and Parishioners. Thank you.

May Count

Don't forget the month of May we are counting - please stay till the end of Mass for the count.



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.

ADORATION

All are invited to join our young adults for an hour of Adoration on **Wednesday 8th May, 6.30-7.30pm at OLR.**

We'd love to see you there!

What is Adoration?

When Catholics say they are “going to Adoration,” they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration, which is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

Know your Faith

‘*Know Your Faith*’ sessions have started, and Fr Francis has taken them on the road! With Landsborough enjoying the first session on Friday. These are small group faith formation opportunities on a variety of interesting topics on a monthly cycle. Just a reminder where they are each week.

Wk 1 Landsborough Friday 9.30am

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.

On the Journey

We welcome **Luna Corazza Rodrigues** who will be baptised at OLR within the Brazilian Mass on Sunday.

We pray for 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.

**The Parish Office will be closed
this Monday the 6th May as it is a Public Holiday.**

Mothers Day Celebrations at Caloundra

Saturday, 11th May 5pm mass-wine, cuppa & food;

Sunday, 12th May 6:30am mass-croissants, pastries & cuppa;

9:30am- Devonshire tea. Come with your Mums! Or anyone who has been a mother to you. All welcome!!

Kawana Feast Day celebration photos

Kawana had a wonderful morning celebrating their Feast Day. There was heaps of food and a fantastic cake made by one of our parishioners. Well done to all involved for making the morning a huge success.



Ladies Lunch

The next Ladies Lunch will be on **Friday 17th May 12 noon** at **The Waves Club** corner of Arthur Street and Bingera Terrace Caloundra. All ladies are welcome. Please advise if you are coming by Monday 13th May to Deborah 0410531901

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. Sacred Heart Maleny will be holding a Beef & Beverage Brunch following 9:00am Mass. *You are all welcome!*

Safeguarding News

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Parish Diary

Monday 6 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 7 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 8 May

Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

Liturgy (OLR SCHOOL) 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Adoration (OLR) 6.30pm

Thursday 9 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:30am

Friday 10 May

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 11 May

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 12 May

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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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