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The Ascension of the Lord - 11/12 May 2024 - Year B



Happy Mother's Day

The role of mother is one of the most unchanging and reliable sources of love and support in the world and so today we embrace the special opportunity to honor all mothers and maternal figures. In the words of the 14th century philosopher and theologian, Meister Eckhart, who said, "If the only prayer you ever said was, 'thank you,' it would be enough," we say "Thank you" to all mothers and maternal figures in our lives. Where would we be without the nurture of a mother's unconditional love? A mother's love is truly the reflection of God's love for humanity.

Friends, God's love for us - mirrored in a unique way through mothers - is the essence of the Good News. Today's Feast of the Ascension celebrates the enthronement of Jesus at the right hand of God, part of the preparation for us to receive the Holy Spirit. In his final words to the disciples, Jesus said, "I will be with you always, to the end of time" (Mt 28:20). These words are indeed God's promise of love and are reflected in a mother's nurturing and sometimes fierce love for her offspring. Jesus really is present in the love of a mother because "God is love" (1 Jn 4:8).

Our First Annual Parish Service Day

We are fast approaching National Volunteers Week (20th - 26th May) which will culminate with our first Annual Parish Service Day (all 25th/26th May Masses). With so many different communities in our parish, we rely heavily on the generosity (one of our parish values) of those who offer their unique skills, gifts, and talents in the service of others. Our volunteers not only assist and lead within the celebration of Masses, but in each of the six key ministry areas of our parish. Our first, and all subsequent, Parish Service Days will provide an opportunity to thank and honor those who serve and have served, as well as facilitate an annual opportunity to put our name down for service over the following 12 months. It is vital to the health and wellbeing of the entire parish that we are deliberate about promoting a culture of service and gratitude, inviting new people to serve in ministry, and thanking those who have served for a long time. May I invite you to think and intentionally pray about which area of ministry God is inviting you to serve in over the next 12 months.

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

Service & Outreach

The exciting news is that we are returning to Unity College at the end of May to cook more meals with the students to distribute to those in need. Last year we distributed over 700 meals to those in need.

Our Team is seeking to establish a group that will be actively involved in responding to the call of Pope Francis in his 2015 letter "**Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home.**"

Pope Francis challenged us to hear the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor as one.

Let us be renewed by God's mercy...and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish."

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

Service and Outreach.....

Our Archbishop Mark Coleridge, at the March 2024 launch of the Archdiocesan Laudato Si' Action Plan 2024 - 2026, stated: *"The situation is critical, and the Church has a unique role to play in turning things around. I encourage every family, parish, community, school, agency and institution in the Archdiocese to embrace this Laudato Si' Action Plan. Much is being done already, but we all need to go further in responding to the Holy Father's invitation to take the path of ecological conversion. This plan will help us all change the way we see the world around us and the way we act."*

"Laudato Si' Week is a celebration held annually to mark the anniversary of Pope Francis' call to all of us to care for our common home. The theme of Laudato Si' Week 2024 (19th-26th May) is 'Seeds of Hope'. Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world; may our daily actions and decisions be rooted in faith and love.

If you would like more information about Laudato Si' please have a look at the parish website.

If you would like to join the parish action group to help make a difference to the beautiful world God has given us, please email Trish at cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au



May Count

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



Unity Feast Day Celebrations

We joined with the Uniting church community to celebrate our Feast Day last Sunday. We had a very enjoyable morning tea with a celebratory cake.



The Sunshine Coast Homeless Need Our Help

Every night, thousands of Australians experience homelessness. But it doesn't have to be that way. This year Fathers Francis and Josh are taking part in the Vinnies CEO Sleepout to raise money for the St Vincent de Paul Society to support Australians in need. For one night on the longest night of the year (20th June), they'll be sleeping outside on Maroochydore Beach as part of an eye-opening experience to raise awareness and bring home the realities of homelessness. To help break the devastating cycle of homelessness, they need your support please. Will you help them to reach their target? Donating \$100 can make a huge difference to people who need it most. Your support is very much appreciated!

<https://www.ceosleepout.org.au/fundraisers/frjoshuawhitehead/queensland>

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 *Myla & Oliver Bond & Luka Smith* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for *Jeanette Flint* who died last week, funeral details TBC. We also pray for *Mary Allen, Ian Franks & Marie McGregor* who have died and their funerals will be 17th May, 11am at Gregson & Weight, 24th May, 11am at Sacred Heart Maleny and 25th June, 11am at OLR Church respectively. May their the 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.

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.

Today's Quote....

"The meaning of Life is to find your gift; and the purpose in life is to share it." Author Unknown

Mothers Day Celebrations at Caloundra this weekend.

Saturday, 5pm mass-wine, cuppa & food;
Sunday, 6:30am mass-croissants, pastries & cuppa;
9:30am- Devonshire tea.
Please stay and enjoy the hospitality. All welcome!!

Altar Server Training

Building on the success of our Lectors workshops, The Worship Team will be putting on altar server training across the parish. All ages are welcome and encouraged; we especially want you to get your kids involved. Altar serving is a great way of keeping kids actively involved and focused on the mass. We plan for this workshop to be concise in content; with run-throughs and questions, sessions will go for about an hour. Please email the parish office with your contact details and which session you are going to:

caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

At this stage, some communities do not require altar servers and this is reflected below:

Session dates and times are:

18th May - OLR Church - 3:30pm

25th May - Beerwah - 4pm

2nd June - Maleny - after mass

9th June - Unity Chapel - 3:30pm

16th June - OLR - 8am.

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.

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.

Assistance Required

I am looking for someone who is willing to pick up a fellow parishioner and bring them to and from 6.30am mass on Sunday mornings. If you are a regular and could help out would you please contact Trish Harding and I will contact you to coordinate this wonderful gesture. Many thanks, Trish 0417 314 855.

Grief Support

All are welcome to a Grief Support get-together on Friday morning **17th May** in the parish centre at 9.45am There is no set timeframe for the experience of grief and grief comes in many forms. Pop in if you feel like a chat.

Kath Watson olrgriefsupp@gmail.com

Parish Diary

Monday 13 May

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

Tuesday 14 May

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

Wednesday 15 May

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

Thursday 16 May

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

Friday 17 May

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

Saturday 18 May

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

Vigil Mass

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

Sunday 19 May

Pentecost Sunday

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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