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Why do we need to talk about Sacrificial Giving?

During the season of Lent last year (February/March 2023), Fr Francis and I preached a two-week homily series in each worshipping community on sacrificial giving. The result of that preaching series was that people responded, and responded in such a way that allowed us to do exactly what the Lord is inviting us to do: hire a Mission Coordinator, Beth Davies. It was always my intention to preach about sacrificial giving annually – not just because increasing our income allows us to engage more fully in the mission we've been given, but because talking about sacrificial giving normalises what can be viewed as a taboo subject in Catholicism.

Our mission - to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus - is one that costs money. Indeed, the Bible makes it perfectly clear that both Jesus' and St Paul's missionary journeys costed money, and that people actively supported them by giving to the cause. These people saw the utter need in what Jesus, and subsequently, St Paul, were doing and thus experienced buy-in to the mission of spreading the Good News.

The hiring of Beth Davies as a full time Mission Coordinator allows us to begin investing in the most important aspect and reason for our existence as a parish: to evangelise/make disciples/spread the Good News. Please hear it from me as gently as possible: our mission is not, and never has been, to simply celebrate Mass. While Mass/Eucharist is the highest form of worship, its purpose is to channel God's grace in such a way that fuels the baptised, who receive Eucharist, to "Go, and Make Disciples" (Mt 28:19). In receiving Eucharist, we become what we receive (Jesus) so that we can go and make others into the likeness of Jesus.

Beth's role, therefore, is not so much a doing role in the context of evangelisation – this role belongs to us, all the baptised - but one of leadership and coordination. In a parish such as ours, with 11 different Mass communities, having someone like Beth to lead us in doing what we are baptised to do is utterly essential. Her primary responsibilities at this early stage (she has only been here for 12 weeks), are the coordination of Alpha (our parish's primary tool for evangelisation), the mentoring of each of our six Ministry Leadership Team leaders, and the identification and onboarding of one or two primary pastoral leaders of every worshipping community. These pastoral leaders will eventually make up the Faith Communities Council, who will empower each community to function according to our one mission and thus work toward unity in our parish because, though we are many parts, we are all one body (1 Cor 12:12).

Starting next weekend, and for two weeks in a row, we will be talking about sacrificial giving during the homily. For some priests, this is a scary subject to preach about – indeed, it will be Fr Gerard's first time. Please be gentle if you feel compelled to offer feedback. We are all in this mission together and while different people have different roles, our primary role is to love one another – in our words, thoughts and deeds. May God bless us in our capacity to hear the Lord's invitation to a greater sense of trust: that what we have been given, we are merely stewards of, and that it is more than enough (cf. Lk 12:48).

Fr Josh

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Vinnies CEO Sleepout Results

On Thursday night this last week, Fr Francis (first time), and I (Fr Josh, fourth time), slept on the beach in front of Maroochydore Surf Club in the annual Vinnies CEO Sleepout. Each year, community leaders gather on one of the longest and coldest nights of winter to experience a taste of what thousands of homeless people endure every night. While I cannot overstate the power of this experience, I also cannot overstate my gratitude – on behalf of those who will benefit – to you who have once again donated so generously to this worthy cause. At the time of printing, we have raised a combined total of **\$10,159**, which is a phenomenal amount, thank you! Please know that all monies raised - over \$100,000 - for the Sunshine Coast Vinnies CEO Sleepout stay on the Sunshine Coast and are available to the different St Vincent de Paul Conferences when they offer assistance to people experiencing homelessness. There are photos in the eNewsletter.

Service & Outreach

The cooking at Unity College has enabled us to once again have meals available for those in need. If you know of anyone who could benefit from some of these meals please contact the parish office. We are grateful for the generous support we receive from Unity College in facilitating the continuity of this ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity to work with the students and use the food from our pantry that you as a parish have donated to this cause. Our next date for cooking is **6th August** and then hopefully again on **20th August** so the freezers will be well-stocked for distribution over the next few months.

We have also been given the opportunity to cook soups for Rosies Christmas in July. The event is on **5th July** and we will be providing soup as an entrée for about 80 people- yet another wonderful opportunity to reach out and serve others.

Our Containers for Change project <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/containers4change/> continues to be supported and we appreciate the fact that parishioners are both donating to our scheme and recycling their containers. We have decided to change to a dedicated collection service which will result in us receiving 5c rather than the 10c per container when they are left at the church near the server. This needed to be done as finding volunteers to empty the bin had become an issue.

Our *Laudato Si'* Care for Creation group has formed and is working on a Mission statement as well as looking at the Catholic Earthcare self-assessment tool for our parish. 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 via the Linktree.

SYNOD24

In three months, the Archdiocese of Brisbane will hold **SYNOD24**:

I Am Making All Things New. This significant gathering of 150 people from across the Archdiocese will take place at the Holy Spirit Seminary's Xavier Centre on **September 6 and 7 and October 11 and 12**.

The **SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New** Opening Mass and Closing Mass will be open to public with more information to be made available in the coming weeks. Listed below are some answers to frequently asked questions:

Q: Who will be attending SYNOD24: I Am Making All Things New?

A: This gathering of the faithful will represent the full diversity of our Archdiocese and will include young people, members of multicultural communities, representatives from Archdiocesan agencies and organisations, representatives from social justice organisations and health care, lay representatives from each deanery, religious men and women from a range of orders, Clergy representatives and our Vicars and Bishops. The synod will be overseen by Archbishop Mark Coleridge with Bishop Tim Norton SVD as Chair. A full list of all those attending will be published in the lead up to the first session in September.

Q: Why did the Archbishop choose "I Am Making All Things New" as the scripture?

A: "I am making all things new" comes from Revelations 21:5 and is a reminder to us all to allow the Holy Spirit to make all things new within us. Synodality is about listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit in the stories, experiences and challenges of all those in our community so we can discern the right path to travel together. It is about listening with open minds, hearts, and ears so that we truly respond to what the bold creativity of the Holy Spirit is asking of us. To truly listen to others then means that we need to let go of our own agendas and even our hurts, so we are made new, walking together in the hope, joy and mission of the Risen Christ. Visit <http://aobsynod24.com> for more information.

Mens Rosary

The Men's Rosary is on **Wednesday 3rd July at 6.30pm OLR Church**. All welcome to stay and share tea and coffee after worship, please bring snacks to share. Please join our WhatsApp group using the Linktree QR code.

We acknowledge the First Peoples of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist and live out our faith.

Maleny Book Club

The first Meeting of the Maleny Book Club will be this **Tuesday 25th June at 1:30 in the Pat Daley Centre**. The book for discussion is "He Leadeth Me" by Fr Walter Ciszek SJ. Contact Julie in Maleny on 0412692343 for further information.



70yrs Married

Last week Jack & Vera celebrated many years together and received the Pope's blessings at Kawana. Vera says: "70 years and we are still talking to each other!"

Congratulations Jack & Vera!

Ladies' Morning Tea

Saturday: 29th June at 9:30am

Maleny Catholic Church

RSVP: 26th June 2024

Ruth Blackburn: 0447004950

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Please bring own name tag

Peter's Pence Collection

Each year parishes in the Archdiocese of Brisbane take up the **Peter's Pence collection as a retiring collection**. The collection will take place at the end of all Masses **next weekend 29/30 June**. The Peter's Pence Collection is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters.

Term 3 First Holy Communion - starts 16th July

All children from grade 4 or older and who have been confirmed are welcome to make their First Holy Communion in Term 3.

The program starts on **Tuesday 16th July, 5-6pm in the OLR Church**.

The program concludes with the First Holy Communion ceremony on the weekend of 24th /25th August 2024 To register please go to our website – Sacraments – First Holy Communion. Complete the registration form, sign by both parents and submit. Please note the form cannot be completed on your mobile devices. Any questions don't hesitate to contact the Parish office

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Position Vacant

A new paid secretarial position has opened in the parish office. If you would love to work as part of a dynamic team, have a welcoming personality, experience with computer skills and can work 16hr p/w, we invite you to submit your resume to caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

On the Journey

We welcome **Judd & Jayren Bobotioc, Hazel Langley, Austin Vajda, Sofie Gort, Jack & Emily Reynolds** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We pray for our Parishioners who have died, their funerals will be:

Nelson O'Brien - was Friday 21st June at Gregson & Weight.

Marie McGregor - Tuesday 25th June 11am at OLR

Wim Boog - Wednesday 26th June 1pm at Gregson & Weight

Patricia Cecil - Thursday 27th June 12.30pm at St Peters Caboolture

Jennifer West Thursday 27th June 1pm at OLR Landsborough

Barry Hall - Thursday 27th June 1pm at Gregson & Weight

May their souls and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

Parish Diary

Monday 24 June

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 25 June

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 26 June

NO Mass (UNITY) 7.50am

NO School Liturgy 9am

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 27 June

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

Friday 28 June

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 29 June

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 30 June

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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