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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

**Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough,
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A
WEEKEND OF 3/4 DECEMBER 2022**

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Is 11:1-10 Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9 Gospel: Mt 3:1-12

Investing in Missionary Disciples

Friends, like we did last year for Verity Lebeter, who served this year with NET ministries and now returned to serve in the parish, we're once again asking for your generosity/investment in two of our young parishioners who have been selected to serve with NET Ministries in 2023.

Hi everyone, our names are Emily Noyes and Erin Osborne and we are two of the young adults here in the Caloundra Parish. We have felt God calling us for something more in our faith-lives and have been accepted to serve with NET Ministries Australia next year. NET is a peer-to-peer youth ministry that seeks to encourage young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church. Our Lady of the Rosary Parish had two NET teams here previously: one in 2020 and another in 2021. The witness of these teams ultimately led us to pursuing a year of voluntary ministry.

The two NET Teams that we had in the Parish have had an influential impact in my (Emily) life. After hearing the testimonies of their faith, I realised that I wanted to have a personal relationship with God and grow closer to him. From there, I went through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process with other adults who wanted to build a relationship with God and become Catholic. On November 21st, 2021, I was initiated into the Catholic Church which was such an exciting day. At the beginning of 2022, I became a children's liturgy leader at Sunday Mass and a youth group leader on Friday nights with our youth group, Kingdom Youth. Through my involvement in these ministries, I have already begun to experience a connection with God, but I can't wait to deepen that relationship next year as I serve a year of NET.

I (Erin) had a deep desire for growing closer to God, but never took that next step until the NET teams were placed in my school (Unity College). Through getting to know these young people, I was given the opportunity to seek out a personal relationship with Jesus and realise that He has so much in store for me. For the past two years, I have been helping with Kids Club on Sundays and have recently become a youth leader in Kingdom Youth, growing in my faith and actively sharing how God can transform our lives if we let Him.

The two of us are required to raise a minimum of \$6400 each to help cover some of our expenses for this year – and this is only half of what it takes to send out each missionary. Through your support, the two of us will get the opportunity to serve with a team full of young people who have their hearts on fire for Jesus. Not only will we be able to encounter hundreds of young people during our mission year, but we will also develop new ministry skills which we can apply back home, here in OLR Parish.

If you are in a position to financially support us, there are two ways to give. First, next weekend, 10/11th Dec, we will speak at the end of all OLR and Unity Masses, and invite your donations; second, you can click on/copy the link below and it will lead you to the sponsorship page (please use our full names when donating so NET knows which missionary the funds are going towards – **Emily Noyes** and **Erin Osborne**).

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We are both so sad to leave the parish for a year, but we know that it will be beneficial in getting to share our love for Jesus to young people around Australia and New Zealand and bring back what we've learnt to continue serving in our parish in 2024. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Emily and Erin



In our Golden Jubilee Year 1972-2022

A Special Invitation - Taizé this Tuesday

In the month of December, we are often so busy and stressed with final events for the year – not to mention preparations for Christmas! Our parish is offering a special evening of quiet prayer in the style of Taizé. Short mantra-like songs create a relaxing feeling that refreshes us in body, mind and spirit. Through gentle repetition, the meaning of the words gradually penetrates our whole being. In song and silence we listen more deeply. These simple chants allow us to **wait attentively** on God. Such prayer is very much in the spirit of the Advent Scriptures. *Come and relax in this beautiful prayer at OLR on Tuesday 6 Dec at 7pm.* <https://www.taize.fr/en>

Donations For Christmas Hampers



Our Lady of Good Counsel St Vincent de Paul Conference, Caloundra are calling for your support for this years Christmas Hampers.



If you would like to assist this Christmas for families less fortunate than ourselves, please place donations in the box provided at the back of the OLR church. Non perishable food items, Christmas treats and gifts (particularly for children) are all gratefully received. Your support is very much appreciated.

11th December - Plant - Bric-n-brac - cakes - sausage sizzle and more!

Erin Osbourne and Emily Noyes from this Parish have both been accepted to join the National Evangelisation Team (NET) for 2023. This is a great honour for the parish. Last year Verity was accepted and has had a wonderful year supporting and bringing young people in schools to Faith.

On Sunday 11th December, the Woman's Friendship and Prayer Group with support from the Craft Group as well as the Card Group are holding a Cake, Plant & Bric-n-Brac stall after the 9.30am Mass, There will be a sausage sizzle and drinks which can be purchased as well as Christmas raffles. Don't forget your cash.....

Rosters are ready to fill

Christmas is fast approaching, the rosters are out in the OLR church for our 5 Christmas Masses which will be held at OLR. Saturday 4pm, 7pm, 10pm and Sunday 6.30am & 9.30am. All the communities will be having a Christmas Mass which will require volunteers to assist with the preparation and rosters to fill for parts of the Mass. If you are available at Christmas and would like to be involved with one of the Masses please put your name on the sheets or contact the leader in your community. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

I Need Help

There, I said it; it's true! As we move forward – both in our parish structure with six ministry leadership teams and in the way the parish office functions – it has become obvious that we need **volunteer assistance** in several key areas. These areas – administration, OHS, safeguarding, property & maintenance – are primarily attended to in the parish office. I am asking you to consider whether you are able to offer some hours each week to assist with the smooth running of our parish. From a personal perspective, I am spending about 20% of my week attending to things which a priest is not trained or ordained to perform and so this presents an opportunity for parishioners to also lead in some key areas. If you are open to learning more about assisting in the parish office, please contact the parish office for a conversation. I thank you in advance for your consideration. Fr Josh

Bible Study 2023

We are planning to study the book of Acts in the New Year. We have 2 groups at present, which meet either on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. If anyone would like to join us, you would be most welcome. We are not into academic theology, more a practical application approach. Please RSVP to Caroline as books will need to be ordered. They will cost around \$10 each. Please call Caroline Kettle on 0435 828 092 if you are interested or have any questions.

<u>Christmas Eve, Saturday December 24</u>	<u>Christmas Day Sunday December 25</u>	<u>Boxing Day Monday December 26</u>
<p>Our Lady of the Rosary School, Caloundra (Undercover area) (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm</p> <p>Caloundra West, Unity College (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm</p> <p>Mary McKillop, Beerwah 5pm</p> <p>Sacred Heart, Maleny (Carols at 6.30pm) 7pm</p> <p>Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 6.50pm) 7pm</p> <p>Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 9.50pm) 10pm</p>	<p>Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra 6.30am 9.30am</p> <p>Our Lady of the Way, Lands 7.00am</p> <p>Good Shepherd, Kawana 8.00am</p> <p>Bl Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi 9.15am</p> <p>Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain 10.30am</p>	<p>The Parish office will be closed from 26/12/22 and reopen Monday 9/1/2023</p> <p>Mass will only be on at OLR each day at 9am while the Parish office are taking a well deserved break.</p>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 4 Dec: *Second Sunday of Advent*

- ◆ Children's liturgy.
- ◆ Join us for a cuppa to open the new undercover area at OLR. All welcome.
- ◆ First Sunday of the month hospitality in all the communities, all welcome.

Monday 5 Dec:

- ◆ The OLR craft group have finished for the year and will re-group the first Monday in February 2023.

Tuesday 6 Dec:

- ◆ The Caloundra Cards Group meets at the Parish Centre from 9-12noon. Call Helen for more information on 0410392526.
- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church.
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am followed by Mass 9am.
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet every Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30-11am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409897673.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.
- ◆ Taizé 6-8pm in the OLR church.

Wednesday 7 Dec:

- ◆ Art class with Jude 0421777508 each week in the Parish Centre 10-12noon.
- ◆ Adoration in the OLR Church 6.30-8.30pm Ph Kath Ball 0418187914 for enquiries.

Thursday 8 Dec:

- ◆ Rosary & Prayers each week 9.30-10.30am in OLR church following Mass.
- ◆ Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9.30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries please contact Helen on 0475 859 215
- ◆ "Hours of Grace" Rosary in the OLR church 12noon-1pm.

Friday 9 Dec:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.

Saturday 10 Dec:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

Sunday 11 Dec: *Third Sunday of Advent*

- ◆ After 9.30am OLR Mass - Plant/Cake/Bric-n-brac/sausage sizzle & drinks fundraiser. All welcome
- ◆ OLW Landsborough Christmas Carols 5.30pm followed by drinks & nibbles.



Golden Jubilee Commemorative Wines are still available

Perfect gift for Christmas come to the Parish Office only \$20 a bottle.



Last week, men from the Kawana and Caloundra Men's Groups gathered at Kings Beach Tavern to celebrate their year in ministry. The two groups gather regularly to pray together, learn together and live life together in a spirit of communion. John Manion, the two groups' leader, said that "gathering together to celebrate brings Jesus' table fellowship to life." He was grateful for the way that men from different worshipping communities poured out their lives in service of each other – something which he said "is visible, even in the simple act of turning up to participate."

In Transition

As a Parish family we would like to Congratulate

Mitch Simpson & Simone O'Day

who were married at OLW Landsborough last weekend.

We pray for **Mary O'Hurley** (former parishioner) who died 30th of December and her funeral will be in Perth. May her soul and all 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 Diary

Monday 5 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 6 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 7 Dec

St Ambrose, bishop

**Mass (UNITY) No Mass
(OLR School liturgy) 9am**

Thursday 8 Dec

*The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 9 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 10 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 11 Dec

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Reconciliation

Saturday Morning at
OLR Church 8.30am

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the Caloundra Catholic Parish

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