



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

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## Second Sunday of Advent - 8th Dec 2024 - Year C

### Adapting to Change

Our parish is at a pivotal moment as it faces the reality of losing 2 of its 4 priests – and the unavoidable flow-on effects to communities. This challenge necessitates thoughtful adaptation to maintain the integrity of Eucharistic worship while recognizing the practical constraints of clergy availability and the geographical nature of our parish. While reducing the number of Masses may initially cause discomfort, this change offers an opportunity to respond creatively and meaningfully, preserving the heart of our parish – the Eucharist. Though no worship center is more than a 15-20 minute drive from another, the emotional difficulty of reducing Masses is real. This type of change – necessary as it may be – requires consideration of both the logistical and emotional needs of all the faithful – lay and ordained alike. Instead of introducing lay-led liturgies, however, consolidating Masses allows us to prioritize celebration of the Eucharist, fostering unity and a higher level of spiritual engagement.

#### The Centrality of the Eucharist

As the "source and summit" of Christian life, *celebration of* – not just *reception of* – the Eucharist must remain central to our worship, despite logistical challenges. The forced reduction of the number of Masses allows us to focus on this sacred ministry in a more sustainable way. We must approach this transition with a sense of interdependence – each of us both seeking and providing pastoral support for ourselves and others to ensure that the change is understood as an adaptation, not a reduction in faith.

#### Quality Over Quantity

Reducing Masses does not diminish spiritual nourishment. Fewer Masses can result in more intentional, reverent celebrations, as priests have more time for prayerful preparation, homilies, and pastoral care – both before and afterwards. This shift requires patience from parishioners who may miss the previous frequency and convenience of Mass times.

#### Encouraging Larger Gatherings

The proximity of our worship centers offers an opportunity to foster unity through larger Masses, which strengthen community and reflect the universal nature of the Church. While some parishioners may feel disconnected from their community or intimidated by larger gatherings, open dialogue, welcoming parishioners and environments, and smaller group interactions within these gatherings can ease this transition. Traveling to neighboring Mass centers also promotes cross-community relationships, shared ministries, and greater solidarity, helping parishioners embrace the broader identity of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish.

#### Deepening Spiritual Life

To support those most affected by these changes, we must offer more spiritual and community-centered opportunities. One community, for example, offered a wonderful Advent-themed carols service on Sunday afternoon last week. Strengthening faith formation, pastoral care, and outreach will ensure that the needs of all parishioners continue to be met.

#### A Path Forward

This transition calls for collaboration, communication, and flexibility. Focusing on the opportunities this time reveals will help us maintain our commitment to celebration of the Eucharist and foster deeper unity within our parish. While change brings feelings of loss and confusion, we must support one another, viewing this moment not as a loss, but as an opportunity for growth, renewal, and a strengthened sense of belonging to our parish. In doing so, we reaffirm our identity as one Body of Christ in one parish, committed to the mission of leading others to encounter Jesus.

*Peace and blessings,*  
*Fr Josh*

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

*Happy Holidays and safe travels to all those families in our parish and beyond who are celebrating Catholic week starting this weekend.*



### Family Beach BBQ

The Children and Families Team warmly invites you to a Young Families Beach BBQ on *Saturday, December 14th, at Happy Valley from 11am to 1pm.*

Join us for a morning of fellowship and fun as we come together to celebrate our parish community! We'll have games and activities for the kids and a free sausage sizzle.

All are welcome, especially families with infants, primary or high school aged kids!

Please RSVP via the Linktree for catering purpose. (QR code on opposite page, under parish diary).



### St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

This weekend is our annual Vinnies Christmas Appeal. The five conferences try to provide a Christmas hamper or gift cards for every individual and family that we have assisted during the year. And while this brings much needed festive joy, the reality is, this can be a very difficult time for families. Vinnies experiences an increased demand for emergency food, fuel, accommodation and help with setting the children up for school next year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

There are envelopes on the pews with options for cash or card donations. Please place your envelopes in any collection basket or in the Vinnies poor box. If you have come unprepared this weekend please feel free to take an envelope home and return with your donation at a later date. *God Bless, St Vincent de Paul Society*

### Kingdom Youth Update: Thank You & Goodbye!

Throughout 2024, we had around 140 different students join us each Friday night, averaging 40 students each week. We gathered together 25 times throughout the year - 16 formation nights, 7 social nights including heading to the movies, roller drome, laser tag, mini Olympics, and more, and 2 encounter nights where we experienced the beauty and wonder of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with prayer teams and worship provided.

Sadly, I am finishing up as Youth Minister at the end of this year. I am completing some study and moving into primary teaching. I am really excited to continue to work with and support young people, now in a different capacity, but will certainly miss the special nature of youth ministry. I started Kingdom Youth with the hope that we could provide our high schoolers with real and raw experiences of encounter; an experience of faith and Church they've never had before and didn't know existed. Three years on, it has been the privilege of my life to journey with, grow alongside, and support your children in exploring their faith and what a relationship with Jesus looks like for them. It is my prayer that this has come back into your families and into your homes, and that you have also begun asking some of those bigger questions, particularly: "Who are you, Lord, and who am I?"

Our new Youth Minister, Christyna, will reach out to all parents and students in the new year as Kingdom Youth gets ready to launch again for 2025. Please save the date! **Friday 7 February from 6pm - 8:30pm at Unity College.** God is so good, and I am so grateful for the past three years. I won't be too far away, so I look forward to seeing the continued growth of this incredible group!

If your family is looking for a Christmas Mass, please join us in the *Unity Auditorium from 4pm on Christmas Eve.*

All other Mass times can be found on the parish website: <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/>

To keep up to date with all things Kingdom Youth, please follow us on Instagram: @kingdom.caloundra. If you have any enquiries about our sacramental program for teenagers or primary schoolers, would like to assist or support in another way, or have any general questions please email the parish office.

May God bless your beautiful families over this Christmas season and into the New Year! *Thank you, Felicity*

<b>Christmas Eve, Tue Dec 24</b>	<b>Christmas Day Wed Dec 25</b>	<b>Boxing Day Thur Dec 26</b>
Our Lady of the Rosary Caloundra (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm	Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra 6.30am 9.30am	9am Mass OLR Only
Caloundra West, Unity College (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm	Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough 7.00am	The Parish office will be closed from Monday 23/12/24 1pm and reopen Monday 13/1/2025
Mary McKillop, Beerwah (Carols at 4.45pm) 5pm	Good Shepherd, Kawana 8.00am	Weekday Mass will continue, once-a-day <u>ONLY</u> , at OLR 9am.
Sacred Heart, Maleny (Carols at 6.30pm) 7pm	BI Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi 9.15am	While the Parish office are taking a well deserved break.
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 6.50pm) 7pm	Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain 10.30am	<b>Happy Holidays!</b>
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 9.50pm) 10pm		



## Parish Dinner Dance 26th April 2025 (Saturday)

It's been a while since our last big celebration. The parish is inviting all parishioners and friends to celebrate an evening filled with great food,

entertainment and good fellowship. With the congregation now consisting of people with ancestry coming from over 24 countries, we want to take this as an opportunity to celebrate its cultural diversity and get together as single people of God. Let's bring colour on the night and don your best frock.

Mark the date and watch this space in the future for details!

## Community Life

Community Life Ministry team has continued to focus throughout the wider parish this year "by facilitating experiences of connection, participation and belonging." We have been continuing to encourage the wearing of name badges, providing hospitality after mass, celebrating Volunteers Day and relevant feast days for each community location and building the spirit of community in the varied mass locations in the OLR parish.

Our major focus currently is highlighting and elevating the vital role of mass greeters throughout all locations. The greeter is usually the first point of contact as people walk through the door hopefully feeling a sense of welcoming and belonging whether they be a parishioner at that mass who is long-term or new or a visitor. When this happens our parish mission "to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus" truly comes alive at the entry doors, thanks to our valued Greeters.

The role of Greeters has now become even more important with the expected changes to the Mass roster throughout our extensive parish. It is now very timely to call together our current Greeters and any interested persons from throughout the parish.

### Meeters & Greeters

The one hour sessions will be at OLR Caloundra church on:

**Saturday, Dec 14th at 3:30pm,**

**Sunday, Dec 15th at 7:30am and 10:30am**

For more information, please contact [cp.communitylife@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.communitylife@bne.catholic.net.au)

## A Special Invitation

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 10 Dec at 7pm. <https://www.taize.fr/en>**

## Children's Liturgy

Please note that children's liturgy has now finished for the year and will recommence in Term one 2025.

## On the Journey

We congratulate **Jack & Amelia McEneny** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We Congratulate **Guilanna & Dean** on the blessing of their wedding this weekend.

We pray for all who have recently died and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

## Parish Diary

### Monday 9 Dec

*The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

### Tuesday 10 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Adoration/Rosary (Maleny) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 11 Dec

(Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 12 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

(Currimundi) 9:15am

### Friday 13 Dec

*St Lucy*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration/Rosary (Lands) 8am

Mass (Lands) 9am

### Saturday 14 Dec

*St John of the Cross*

Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Vigil Mass

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 15th Dec

### 3rd 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

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