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Third Sunday of Advent - 15th Dec 2024 - Year C

New Mass Roster

After a thorough consultation and discernment process which spanned 3rd November–8th December, and which included counsel from Archbishop Mark, members of the Archdiocesan Episcopal Council, and Fr Peter Brannelly, Dean of the North Coast Deanery, my Senior Leadership Team and I can announce the new Mass roster to commence on the weekend of 18th/19th January 2025.

Saturday Vigil

Priest 1 - 5pm Caloundra

Priest 2 - 5pm Aura (Notre Dame)

Sunday

Priest 1 - 7.30am Caloundra

Priest 2 - 9am - Landsborough/Maleny

Priest 1 - 9.30am Caloundra

Priest 2 - 5pm Aura (Unity Chapel)

9.15am - Currimundi Gardens Retirement Village (*Fr Terry Nueva*)

10.30am - Southern Cross Care Retirement Village, Little Mountain (*Fr Terry Nueva*)

- The 6.30am Mass (Caloundra) and the 8am Masses (Unity and Kawana) will be invited to join the new 7.30am Caloundra Mass congregation.
- The Beerwah congregation will be invited to celebrate Mass at either the 5pm Aura (Notre Dame) Vigil Mass or 9am Landsborough/Maleny Mass.
- The new Aura (Notre Dame) Mass will initially commence in the Unity Chapel to train the *launch team* (15-20 parishioners who will commit to this mission field) until Easter 2025, when we will launch this Mass to Notre Dame/Aura families within the College buildings itself.
- The Mass will be celebrated at Landsborough on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month, and at Maleny on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- No community will be unaffected – even those whose Mass time/locations have not changed – since it will be every person's responsibility to ensure that no parishioner feels like a stranger in their own parish.

May the peace of Christ be with us all at this time as we await the joy of Christmas. *Fr Josh*

Dear Fr Joshua,

Thanks for the information about the proposed changes to the Mass schedule in Our Lady of the Rosary parish, Caloundra in 2025 which has been prompted by the reduction from three to two priests in the parish.

The consultation process you have undertaken has been important. I appreciate that you are seeking to provide sacramental services accessible to new and expanding residential areas. It is unfortunate that expanding urban areas and fewer priests require a reduction in services to some communities, even if it seems that reasonable access is still provided.

I trust the various parish communities will understand and support the changes you propose. In the meantime, as we move towards the feast of the Saviour's birth may the God of peace bless you and those entrusted to your care.



As always in the Lord,

Archbishop of Brisbane

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

The Challenge: No Person Feels Like a Visitor in Our Parish

In many Catholic parishes today, changes to Mass times are a direct response to a shortage of priests vs the number of Mass locations. This often results in parishioners traveling to a new worshipping community within the same parish. When this shift occurs, it can create feelings of displacement and loss of community identity. As we prepare to implement the new Mass roster in January 2025, we must do everything we can to ensure that *no person feels like a visitor in their own parish*, regardless of these changes. It is essential for us to ensure that all parishioners feel welcome and included at every Mass they celebrate. Here are several reasons why we need to be proactive in this important area.

First, we must recognize that a parish is not defined solely by a building or a specific Mass time. A parish is a spiritual community – a family of faith united in the mission to grow in relationship with Christ and support one another on the faith journey. Celebration of the Eucharist, as the central act of Catholic worship, is the primary bond that unites us all. This sacrament transcends the location or time of Mass. When someone attends Mass at a different time or location within the same parish, they are still participating in the same unifying sacrament. It is essential for us to affirm that this act of communal worship is what connects individuals to the parish family.

Second, attending a different Mass within the same parish offers an opportunity for a richer experience of the Church. While there is comfort in familiarity, the Church itself is much larger than any one group. By attending Mass at a different time or location, parishioners can encounter new perspectives, broaden their understanding of the faith, and interact with a more diverse group of fellow believers. The Church is a community made up of people with varying life experiences and spiritual journeys, all united under one faith. If someone does feel like a visitor at a new Mass location or time, this only underscores the need to develop a stronger and more effective welcoming and hospitality ministry in each community.

Third, we must recognize that the idea of feeling like a visitor undermines the fundamental teaching of the Church on belonging. The Catholic Church teaches that all baptized individuals, regardless of where they worship, belong to the Body of Christ. The connection we have as parishioners is not tied to a specific group of people or a particular building; it is tied to the universal Church and our identity as members of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish. Our parish is home, not because of the exact location, but because it is where we find the Sacraments, the proclaimed Word, and the community of fellow believers. Every person, regardless of which Mass time or community they attend, is part of the larger Body of Christ.

In summary, we must recognize that the notion of a *visitor* implies a sense of exclusion which contradicts the inclusive nature of the Church. In Catholic theology, there is no *inside* or *outside* of the Body of Christ – except when we choose to exclude ourselves by our sins. Every Catholic is welcome to participate in parish life, regardless of where they attend Mass. While it is true that the Church teaches the importance of a welcoming, inclusive environment, it is up to each one of us to ensure that those who may travel to a different community feel just as valued and embraced as those who attend regularly at a single location.

Ultimately, no one should ever feel like a visitor in their own parish because the essence of the parish community transcends physical space and time. As long as we continue to worship by participating in the Sacraments, and living out our faith, we are an integral part of the parish family. In fact, our changes brought about by the shortage of priests can be an opportunity for deeper engagement and solidarity. As our parish adapts to these changes – let's acknowledge that this will not take place overnight – we have a chance to unite more closely, fostering a greater sense of shared mission and community. Let us consciously choose, therefore, to continue being the people of God who come together to praise, pray, and grow in relationship with Jesus and each other. *Fr Josh*

Our Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve, Tue Dec 24	Christmas Day Wed Dec 25	Office Closure
Our Lady of the Rosary Caloundra (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm	Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra 6.30am 9.30am	The Parish office will be closed from Monday 23/12/24 1pm and reopen Monday 13/1/2025 See website for holiday Mass times. Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to all!
Caloundra West, Unity College (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm	Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough 7.00am	
Mary McKillop, Beerwah (Carols at 4.45pm) 5pm	Good Shepherd, Kawana 8.00am	
Sacred Heart, Maleny (Carols at 6.30pm) 7pm	BI Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi 9.15am	
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 6.50pm) 7pm	Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain 10.30am	
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 9.50pm) 10pm		

Summary of Consultation Process

Friends, last weekend we reached the end of our parish consultation process – thank you to those who were able to participate. When Beth and I sat down to read through each community's summary, we discerned three main themes: *Challenges and Fears*, *Community Strengths*, and *Future Focus*. Within each of these areas, we also identified recurring observations, which you will read below. Please note that bracketed numbers, e.g. (x 2), represent the number of communities who identified a recurring observation. What stands out to me is the theme of *community* itself. 5 times it appeared under Challenges and Fears, while it appeared as a Community Strength 8 times! This obviously tells us something important about what people value, as well as what we will need to work on in each community as we journey ahead as a parish. I remain committed to walking with you in a spirit of synodality as we continue along the path of Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life. *Fr Josh*

Challenges and Fears (12 different)

- Loss of community (x 5)
- Transport challenges for elderly (x 5)
- Fear of change (x 3)
- Desire for lay-led liturgies (x 3)
- Small communities should remain (x 3)
- Aging volunteers
- Aging demographics
- Lack of intimacy in a larger community
- Last Mass of the weekend – we need to stay
- Disappointment at loss of community support with change
- This time suits our age group
- Concern for displaced volunteers

Community Strengths (12 different)

- Experience of community at Mass (x 8)
- Flexibility to change (x 4)
- Experience of community through volunteering (x 3)
- Sense of being part of the whole parish (x 2)
- Concern for our priests (x 2)
- Greater desire for priests to be available before and after Mass (x 2)
- Desire to engage with other communities
- Community as a hub
- Faith and worship are not connected to physical location
- Multi-Cultural community
- Vibrant music
- Place of welcome for youth and families

Focus on the Future (15 different)

- Making a space for young people (x 6)
- Desire for evangelization (x 4)
- Fostering links with local schools (x 4)
- Desire to engage more with leadership in the parish (x 4)
- Transport ministry to include the elderly (x 4)
- Desire to include elderly (x 3)
- Excitement for change/openness for innovation (x 3)
- Openness to adaptability (x 2)
- Desire for greater involvement of the laity (x 2)
- Growth in our parish's music ministry (x 2)
- Desire for good quality and accessible music
- Desire to engage in formation and discipleship
- Engagement with multi-cultural communities
- Follow-up to families in sacramental programs
- Expanding volunteers and leadership (x 2)

Parish Diary

Monday 16 Dec

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

Tuesday 17 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
1st Rite of Reconciliation (Maleny) 8.30am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 18 Dec

(Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 19 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am
(Currimundi) 9:15am

Friday 20 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am
1st Rite of Reconciliation (Lands) 8.30am
Mass (Lands) 9am

Saturday 21 Dec

2nd Rite of Reconciliation (OLR) 9am

Vigil Masses

4th Sunday of Advent

Mass (OLR) 5pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation (Beerwah) 4.30pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 22th Dec

4th 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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A Warm Welcome

Welcome to everyone joining us today now that school holidays have officially started for all schools! Whether you are travelling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration today. Keep safe on the roads.

JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Visit Bishop Brian's Christmas Lights any evening after 6.30pm, on Buderim St Currimundi.



St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

A huge thank you for your generous support of the annual Christmas Appeal. These funds are especially needed this time of the year to bring a little Christmas cheer to those doing it tough and to meet the ever increasing demand on emergency welfare.

Donation envelopes may be placed on any collection plate or in the poor box.

God Bless, Vinnies

New Recycling Option

You can now drop off **empty blister packs** into designated recycling bins provided at all Chemist Warehouse pharmacies across Australia! They can be of any brand as long as they are empty and free from any plastic bag or cardboard box packaging.

Recycling is especially important for preserving aluminium because it's a finite natural resource that is extracted in an energy-intensive process. The good thing is it can be recycled infinitely without losing quality, making recycling essential for conserving this valuable material.

(Blister packs **cannot** be recycled at home through your council's kerbside recycling service as the aluminium and plastic materials requires specialised machinery to separate the materials before they can be recycled.)

Drop off at Chemist Warehouse, 2 Sydal St. Caloundra (near Bunnings).

Don't forget to use the Parish scheme id C11072500 code when recycling your Containers for Cash.

From your Parish Laudato Si Care 4 Creation Group (LSC4C) If you would like to join this group please contact Bob Cullen via

cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au

From Pope Francis

It may be that he can no longer stand on his feet, and suffering has certainly shaped his character, but this speech by Pope Francis a few days ago is simply AMAZING – especially at this time in the life of our Parish.

"You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from failing. You are appreciated, admired and loved by so many. Remember that being happy is not having a sky without storm, a road without accidents, a job without effort, a relationship without disappointments.

"To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become the author of your own fate." It's walking through deserts, but being able to find an oasis deep in the soul. It's thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. It's kissing your children, cuddling your parents, having poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us.

"Being happy is allowing the creature that lives in each of us to be free, joyful and simple. You have the maturity to be able to say: "I've made mistakes". It's having the courage to say "I'm sorry". It's having the sense to say "I need you". It's having the ability to say "I love you". May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness... that in spring you may be a lover of joy and in winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start over. Because only then will you be in love with life. You'll discover that being happy isn't having a perfect life.

"Use tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience. Use your mistakes with the serenity of the sculptor. Use pain to tune into pleasure. Use obstacles to open the windows of intelligence. Never give up... Above all never give up on the people that love you. Never give up on being happy, because life is an incredible spectacle."

Pope Francis

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