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**Fourth Sunday of Advent - 21/22 Dec 2024 - Year C**

## Walking Together in Hope and Faith

As we prepare our hearts for the joy of Christmas, we do so with full recognition that this season arrives at a unique and, for some, challenging moment in our parish community. With the pending changes to the Mass roster beginning on January 18/19, many of us are experiencing a mix of emotions—grief, anxiety, confusion, or perhaps even frustration and anger. It is important that we acknowledge these feelings honestly and compassionately. Change, especially when it affects our spiritual home, can be deeply unsettling. The Mass is not merely a weekly obligation; it is where we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and find fellowship with one another. It is a sacred gathering of the faithful, a source of strength, peace, and connection. When this rhythm of worship feels disrupted or altered, it is understandable that some of us may feel a profound sense of loss.

And yet, it is *into* moments like these—moments of uncertainty and even sorrow—that the message of Christmas speaks most powerfully. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus came into a world that was far from perfect. He entered a time of division, hardship, and longing, and yet He brought with Him a light that no darkness could overcome. Jesus, who is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (Jn 14:6), calls us to consciously follow Him—especially in difficult times. He asks us to trust that even in the midst of change, God is present and at work among us.

The truth is, faith does not mean avoiding struggle; it means walking through it with hope. We do not do this alone. We walk together as a parish community, strengthened by God's love and the relationships we share. As we face these changes, we must hold fast to what unites us: our love for Jesus Christ and His Church. The Mass remains the source and summit of our lives as Catholics, no matter where we celebrate it. It is natural to grieve what feels lost—whether it be a familiar *time*, a beloved *location*, or a sense of *routine*. But let us also be open to what Jesus may be doing through this moment. Perhaps He is inviting us to grow in ways we do not yet see. Perhaps He is calling us to deepen our trust in Him, to build new relationships within our wider parish family, or to rediscover what it truly means to gather in His beautiful, wonderful and holy name.

This Christmas season, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us remember that He is our constant in a changing world. The angels will proclaim to each one of us at whatever Christmas Mass we celebrate, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy" (Lk 2:10). This message is for us, too. Even now, that amid our uncertainty, joy is possible—a joy rooted not in our circumstances, but in the unshakable love of God. As we move forward, let us do so together, with hearts open to God's will and to one another. If you are struggling with the changes, please know you are not alone. Speak to one another, share your concerns, but please do so in charity, and pray for guidance and peace. Let us be a community that supports and uplifts each other, bound together by the love of Christ.

In the coming days, may we reflect on the humble journey of the Holy Family—how they, too, faced uncertainty and change as they sought to follow God's plan. Like them, may we trust that God is with us, leading us, and preparing something beautiful ahead. Together, let us celebrate the gift of Christmas with renewed faith. Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, is born to guide us. He is Emmanuel, God with us—today, tomorrow, and always.

*Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joy-filled Christmas,  
Yours in Christ, Fr Josh*



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

### Office Closed

To take advantage of the post Christmas period and to allow our administrative staff some of their annual leave, the Parish Office will be closed from **23rd December 1pm until 9am 13th of January 2025.**

In case of a pastoral emergency you can always contact a priest through the parish emergency phone 0431 099 854. Over the next three weeks please note the changes to our weekday masses.

### Service & Outreach

**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25:35**

Recently members from our parish Service and Outreach team embarked on an investigative mission to Emmanuel City Mission – a day sanctuary for homeless and vulnerable people in Brisbane's inner city.



ECM was founded 11 years ago by Roby Curtis as a ministry of Emmanuel Community. After a pilgrimage to Rome in 2003 to witness the beautification of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Roby felt a calling on his life to serve Jesus through the poor in Brisbane. This call was for a renewal of the Church to become, in the words of Pope Francis, 'a Church poor for the poor,' and a place of refuge and safety.

Our team were inducted as the sound of piano rolled around the walls; a man lay sleeping before the exposed blessed sacrament - the Eucharistic host displayed in the monstrance on an altar in the main serving area. There was no question that Jesus Christ was present in this building.

A tour of the complex revealed an outdoor area with playground, a St Vincent de Paul outlet, chapel, prayer room and multi-level space as the ministry plans to grow their offering upstairs. Every day of the week and at no cost, ECM offer continental breakfast, hot meals, barista-style coffee, showers, laundry facilities and a quiet place of sanctuary to gather thoughts and relax.

Our team quickly got to work preparing grilled burgers and desserts. As everyone gathered for lunch, all eyes and ears were on Roby Curtis who addressed all as his brothers and sisters, re-iterating the importance of mutual respect and the standards of behaviour expected. He gave thanks to every volunteer and closed with a prayer of grace before serving commenced.

Visitors were blessed with a meal of grilled burgers, macaroni cheese, coleslaw, soft drink, with lemon cake and ice cream for dessert. The option of takeaways was offered after everyone had been served.

With doors still proudly open, this place of service became a place of worship at the commencement of a powerful mass presided over by Father William Aupito Iuliano. Together the community partook in holy communion and worship lead by Emmanuel Worship. The day concluded as both volunteers and visitors lay hands upon the parish team in prayer.

Our team have been deeply moved and we ask for your prayers as we continue to investigate the real possibility of renewing church poor for the poor, here on the Sunshine Coast.



### Ladies Lunch. Save the date!

The next ladies lunch will be on **Friday 17th January at 12 noon** at Brightwater Hotel.  
15 Freshwater Street, Mountain Creek.

*All ladies welcome.*

Please RSVP Linda 0429380979 by 13th January

### On the Journey

We congratulate **Edward Luffingham, and Maddison & Cooper King** who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

As a Parish family we would like to congratulate **Kait Born & Nicholas Lynch** who were married last Friday at Maleny.

We pray for all who have recently died 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.

Welcome to our Parish as you celebrate Mass with us today. Merry Christmas to you all!

## Thank You

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*Our Lady of the Rosary - Caloundra*



## New Weekday Roster from 13th January 2025

### Monday Jan 13

9am Caloundra - Mass and Adoration: Fr Joseph

### Tuesday Jan 14

9am Caloundra - Mass: Fr Gerard (Rotate each week) then goes to Notre Dame/Unity  
Fr Josh - OLR Primary School and available for funerals

### Wednesday Jan 15

9.30am Lt Mt - Mass: Fr Terry  
10.30am Staff Meeting  
Note - when school starts Fr Josh/Fr Gerard (rotate) attend OLR School Liturgy 9am

### Thursday Jan 16

9am Caloundra - Mass: Fr Gerard (Rotate)  
9.30am Currimundi - Mass: Fr Terry  
10.30am Nursing home Masses  
Both Priests available for 11am funerals

### Friday Jan 17

9am Caloundra - Mass: Fr Josh (Rotate) and available for Funerals 11am  
9am Beerwah - Mass: Fr Gerard (Rotate) - after Mass then Notre Dame/Unity

### Saturday Jan 18

No Saturday Mass  
9am - 9.45am Caloundra - Reconciliation and Adoration  
10am Caloundra - Baptisms

## Parish Diary

### Monday 23 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Tuesday 24 Dec - No Morning Mass

#### Christmas Eve

Carols 3.50pm Mass 4pm (OLR)  
Carols 3.50pm Mass 4pm (Unity College Auditorium)  
Carols 4:45pm Mass 5pm (Beerwah)  
Carols 6.30pm Mass 7pm (Maleny)  
Carols 6.50pm Mass 7pm (OLR) (Livestream)  
Carols 9.50pm Mass 10pm (OLR)

### Wednesday 25 Dec

#### Christmas Day

Mass 6.30am (OLR)  
Mass 7am (Landsborough)  
Mass 8am (Kawana)  
Mass 9:15am (Currimundi)  
Mass 9:30am (OLR) (Livestream)  
Mass 10:30am (Little Mountain)

### Thursday 26 Dec

#### Boxing Day - St Stephen

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Friday 27 Dec

#### St John

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Saturday 28 Dec

#### The Holy Innocents

Mass (OLR) 9am

#### Vigil Masses

#### The Holy Family

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

### Sunday 29th Dec

#### The Holy Family

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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## 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. Let's bring colour on the night and don your best frock.

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

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