



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

Beerwah | Caloundra | Currimundi | Kawana | Landsborough
Little Mountain | Maleny | Unity & Notre Dame Colleges

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The Baptism of the Lord - 11/12 January 2025 - Year C

My First Moments of Awe

Friends, this weekend marks my last masses for this tenure of mine. As I've packed and moved, I've been reminiscing over some of the first memorable moments of my time here. I recall arriving at the round-about at Edmund St and beholding the sign of the water, and, among other things, thinking "oh wow!" It hasn't lost its magic two and a half years later and only looks more dramatic on a stormy day. I recall my first morning waking up and catching the rich orange hues breaking from below the horizon and snapping up a photo of it again thinking "oh wow!". Fr. Josh assured me he saw it every morning. 🤔

The first time I drove in, it had been in the weeks leading up to my start date. Fr. Peter, Fr. Josh and I filmed a video introducing ourselves and what the road ahead was going to look like as we shuffled into new roles. Despite it only being in 2021, the video seems a distant memory now. The various projects this parish has embarked on has kept me on my toes! I am in awe of this community, in what it has achieved and the scale on which it has done that. Not unrelated, I have often remarked to others how much of a "happy energy" I observed among you when I arrived, and have continued to observe. That enthusiasm is only more visible and audible whenever I see the ministry teams in action.

There have been other moments of "wow!" such as at our music program and at how well furnished our Churches are. I know I share these with other visitors who have passed through on various holidays or at funerals.

I thank God for the opportunity to have ministered here at OLR. I thank God also for the many friendships I have made. Tomorrow I formally begin my tenure as assistant priest at Upper Mt. Gravatt Wishart Parish. I welcome this new adventure, and will say again what I have said since my appointment was announced: do call in if you are down in Brisbane, and I will be happy to show you hospitality.

*Farewell and God bless,
Fr. Francis*

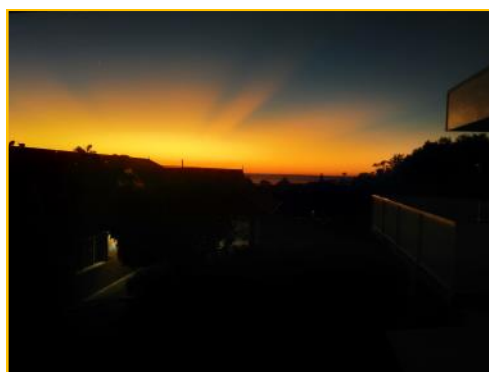


When I first arrived!

My last Catch!



CEO Sleepout



My First Sunrise and "wow"

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

The office re-opens Monday 13th January 2025

Ladies Lunch

On Friday 17th January 2025 at 12 noon at
Brightwater Hotel. 15 Freshwater Street, Mountain Creek.

All ladies welcome.

Please RSVP Linda 0429380979 by 13th January

Fixing our Focus in the Year Ahead

Where you fix your eyes is where you will end up! I can remember my Dad saying something like that to me, in panicked tones, when he was teaching me to ride my bike. As often is the case, this practical truth is true in our spiritual life and in our journey of faith. Where we fix our focus is where we will end up. There are many stories that bear this out in the scriptures, Peter sinking in the waves after having walked on water, being one of them (Matthew 14:29-31). As the year starts to get into full gear we have the opportunity to make a decision about what or who our focus will be. Life can get overwhelming once all the busyness starts to click in, so taking a moment to actively make a choice about where your attention will be devoted is important.

In this Year of Engagement our joyful opportunity is to choose to engage our attention on Jesus the anointed one "the beloved Son" on whom the favour of God rests (Luke 3:22). Our lives can be a battle, and each day can feel like we are chasing victory – but it is in constant worshipful attention on God, regardless of the circumstances, that we win the fight. When the Israelites fought the Amalekites in Exodus 17: 12-14 the battle was in their favour when Moses had his hands lifted in worship of God. Tuning our hearts to continual worshipful focus on God fights back the specter of self-focus and the circumstances and creates the path for victory. Like Peter walking on the water, our focus is sure to slip to the wind and waves, but in that moment, we return our focus to Jesus who will always pull us up.

Beth - Mission Co-ordinator

Parish Diary

Monday 13 Jan

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

Tuesday 14 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 15 Jan

(Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 16 Jan

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

Friday 17 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Saturday 18 Jan

NO Mass (OLR)
9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation
and Adoration

Vigil Masses

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm
at Unity Chapel till Easter

Sunday 19 Jan

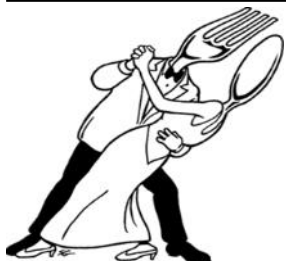
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 7.30am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Year of Engagement Prayer

Lord God, I say yes to your will for me:
To live out my baptism in obedience to you.
As a member of our parish,
I commit myself to your mission of invitation:
To be vibrant like your Son, to extend myself in charity,
and to actively accompany people to encounter Jesus.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen



DINNER & DANCE

Remember 26th April 2025
Sunshine Coast Function Centre Caloundra RSL
<<< Details to follow >>>

Work Place Health & Safety

We all have a duty of care to each other, so if you see any issues of concern please email the parish office as we need a paper trail to attend to issues. caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au

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