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Building the Body of Christ

Every great structure begins with a vision and a plan in mind. Whether it is a grand cathedral or a humble home, a builder must carefully plan, gather materials, and bring together skilled workers to create something lasting and beautiful. In many ways, a priest is like a *master builder*, responsible for assembling and guiding the pieces of the parish community together like a giant puzzle so that it stands firm in faith and love.



No building can stand without a solid foundation. For a parish, this foundation is Christ Himself—the cornerstone of our faith (Ephesians 2:20). Everything must be built upon Him: starting with relationships and a sense of belonging and then flowing out into our teachings, our sacraments, and our mission (to be a vibrant community which actively accompanies others to encounter Jesus). A priest ensures that this foundation remains strong so that the entire community can grow in faith.

A builder does not work alone. He relies on a team of architects, engineers, and craftsmen, each with a vital role to play. Likewise, a priest must recognise the gifts within his parish team and volunteers, bringing them together to serve in complementary ways (cf: Romans 12:4-8).

- Some are called to *teach* (catechists, youth leaders, alpha facilitators).
- Others are called to *serve* (hospitality, social justice, community leaders, visitation).
- Some provide *spiritual nourishment* (music ministry, prayer groups).
- All are called to contribute *prayerfully & financially* (within ones means) for the mission.

Like a master builder, the priest ensures that each person is placed where their gifts can flourish. By empowering lay leaders and volunteers, a culture is created where everyone feels a sense of ownership in building up the parish. It's not just the job of the priest or the master builder to do all the work, everyone has a special role to play.

A builder doesn't just work at ground level—he steps back, climbs the scaffolding, and surveys the progress. In the same way, a priest must take a "balcony perspective," looking beyond day-to-day operations to discern the bigger picture of parish life: *Where is the parish thriving? Where are there gaps in ministry? How can the team work more effectively together?* This perspective allows for strategic leadership, ensuring that all efforts align with the mission of evangelisation and pastoral care.

A wise builder doesn't just construct for today—he builds for future generations. A priest must do the same, ensuring that leadership and ministries are sustainable. This means gradually empowering others to take on responsibilities rather than carrying all the weight alone. The goal is not just to *maintain* a parish but to help it grow and flourish into a *missional* parish, one that can go out on mission and is self-sustaining when the priest is not present or is reassigned elsewhere.

At the end of the day, the priest as the master builder is not simply overseeing programs or managing tasks—he is building up the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). When Christ is central to all that we do, the power and love of God is made more tangible. In this way, the parish becomes a true spiritual home where all can encounter God. Let us continue to build together and get involved within the vibrant life of the Parish. With Christ as our cornerstone, we build up His body, ensuring that our parish stands as a beacon of faith, hope, and love for generations to come.

Construct well, Fr Gerard

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

Community Life Ministry Update

This team focuses heavily on our parish mission which is "to be a vibrant community that actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus". We do this through weekly hospitality after mass, promoting the wearing of name badges so no strangers exist amongst us, which helps the friendly welcomers at all church doors. Thank you to all for joining in with building up our large OLR community, making it more "VIBRANT" and "accompanying each other to encounter Jesus"



LENTEN LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

The Little Black Books are back and free for all to take as part of our mission. They contain short and appropriate daily reflections which are a tremendous companion throughout the days of Lent.



CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA inspires and mobilises communities to improve and care for our environment, eliminate litter and end waste. Local sites on **Sunday 2 March** include:

LOCATION: Fraser Park, Golden Beach, Sunshine Coast
Landmark: Fraser Park, Golden Beach. Next to Gemini Resort. **Meeting Point:** Please register at the Night Eyes marquee in the park - close to the Beach Lifeguard Tower. **TIME:** 8:00am - 12:00pm.

LOCATION: 13 IVADALE BVD, LITTLE MOUNTAIN QLD 455. **Meeting Point:** Banner out on the footpath to show where we are. Meet at top of park opposite 13 Ivadale Blvd. **TIME:** 9:00am - 11:00am

LOCATION: Cliff Hargreaves Park. **Meeting Point:** Cliff Hargreaves Park is at the end of Watson Street which is off Currimundi Road. Meet at covered picnic area next to park toilet facilities on the southern foreshores of Currimundi Lake. **TIME:** 8:30am - 10:30am.

More information: www.cleanup.org.au Supported by Caloundra Parish *Laudato Si Care4Creation Team.*



World Day of Prayer – 7th March

All parishioners are invited to join with the members of five other Christian faiths to celebrate the 2025 World Day of Prayer. WDP has the motto: *Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.*

This year, the service has been prepared by the WDP Committee of The Cook Islands with the theme, *"I Made You Wonderful"*

Everyone is welcome to celebrate WDP at a church near you.

- Caloundra Uniting Church 9.15am m/tea, 10am Prayer Service
- Kawana Uniting Church 9.30am
- Maleny Uniting Church 9.30am Please bring a plate to share for morning tea



On the Journey

We congratulate *Gabriel & Georgia Greenham* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend. We pray for *Rita Lindberg* who has recently died, her funeral will be at OLR on Tuesday 25th February at 11am.

Rest in Peace.

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

Only 9 weeks to go have you bought your ticket?
Don't be feared by the word 'Dance' come for the social enjoyment of being out for the night with fellow friends.

Click on the QR Code below or go to our website caloundracatholicparish.net or come into the Parish Office.



DINNER & DANCE
OLR Social Event

26th April 2025 | 5:30pm to 11:00pm
Sunshine Coast Function Centre Caloundra RSL
19 West Terrace Caloundra

Ticket # 001
Cost includes: Welcome drinks & canapes, dinner/dessert tea & coffee
Live band entertainment
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ADMIT ONE ONLY
OLR Dinner & Dance
26th April 2025 (5:30pm to 11pm)
\$79.00



RCIT - Rite of Christian Initiation for Teens

Has your child missed one of the Sacraments? Would your child like to know more about the Catholic Faith? The parish offers RCIT, for students in high school (Year 7 and up). Intakes are March and October. Please email the Parish office for more details.

Rescheduled: "HEALING LIFE'S HURTS" Program

Why not commence this **LENTEN SEASON** through the video ministry of Sr Miriam James Heidland SOLT? Allow God's healing love to touch hurtful circumstances in your life; to transform them into HIS blessings; and at the same time, set your spirit free to rejoice and delight in the 'wholeness' Jesus has accomplished for you through His Death & Resurrection.

When: Thursdays mornings 6, 13, & 20 March 8:00-9:30am

Where: Kawana Good Shepherd Centre.

Contact: for further details, registrations, & a sample Sr Miriam's teachings

Email: johnmanion@gmail.com or Mb 0416 154 144

Waste Time with God - hosted by CCR Brisbane

Come and spend time with God praising, worshipping, listening and manifesting the gifts of the Spirit. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and experience the healing power of God.

You are Welcome!

Time: 1pm to 4pm Saturday, 29th March 2025 including afternoon tea.

Location: Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 61 Edmund St, Caloundra, QLD.

Ash Wednesday - 5th March 2025

Ash Wednesday Mass times:

- 7.00am - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
- 7.50am - Unity College Chapel, Caloundra West.
- 9.00am - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.
- 9.00am - Sacred Heart Church, Maleny.
- 9.15am - Blessed Frederic Ozanam Chapel, Currimundi.
- 9.30am - Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mt.
- 6.00pm - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
- 6.00pm - Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough.

If you are attending any of the Ash Wednesday Masses and can assist in the liturgical roles, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please see your community leader or email the Parish office.

Parish Diary

Monday 24 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

Tuesday 25 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 26 Feb

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 27 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9:15am

Friday 28 Feb

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Saturday 1 Mar

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

Vigil Masses

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Held at Unity Chapel till Easter

Sunday 2 Mar

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Lands) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

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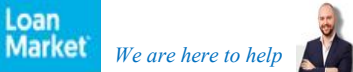
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