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## 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 | 2 March 2025- Year C

### New Ministries and New Opportunities

My friends, it's Monday afternoon (24th Feb) as I write this reflection for you. Yes, it's my day off, but since Fr Gerard and I will be attending a two-and-a-half-day in-service for priests ordained within the last ten years, it's important to prioritize the weekly rhythm of the parish office. The newsletter remains my primary avenue for sharing important updates and information with you, and I hope you find it both helpful and informative.

Walking into the parish office this afternoon to retrieve my laptop, I was met with some wonderful news. A new ministry – one I haven't even publicly announced yet – is beginning to take shape, and it will **positively impact every single parishioner!** Please read on as I explain what is unfolding.

Over the last 12 months, I have been working diligently to create an office structure and environment that meets the growing needs of our parish. One of those needs was to establish the role of an Office Manager – someone who supports all office operations and personnel (both paid staff and volunteers). For the past year, Don Rolls, our former parish manager, has been fulfilling this role in a volunteer capacity. I am deeply grateful that Don continues in this capacity on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Several months after Don came on board last year, Steve Kay joined the team as the volunteer Parish Operations Manager on Wednesdays and Fridays. While Steve was already serving as the Parish Finance Council Chair, he also has the time, energy, and expertise to apply his business skills to managing the operational side of parish life – particularly in Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) and property maintenance. Steve has recently reduced our outstanding WHS compliance list to zero! Thank you, Steve!

A key area of importance in our parish is ensuring safe environments for children and vulnerable adults. For many years, maintaining compliance in this area has been challenging, with Vicki doing her best in the office. Last year, when we introduced our new parish database, Flocknote, Trish Harding began volunteering in the office on Mondays and Fridays. Her initial role was to liaise with parishioners whose ministry areas require safeguarding compliance. However, her role is evolving into something much more aligned with her natural skills, gifts, and leadership abilities. More on Trish in a moment.

On Friday, 17th January 2025, Donna Bradshaw began volunteering in the parish office. In her professional role, Donna manages WHS and Safeguarding requirements at Caloundra RSL, and she has generously offered to use her expertise in these areas for our parish. Donna has also taken on the role of the Parish Local Safeguarding Officer. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Donna by leaving a message at the parish office or emailing her on [lrs.caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:lrs.caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au). Donna's ministry allows both Steve Kay and Trish Harding to focus more effectively on their unique strengths. Steve has recently joined my Senior Leadership Team, bringing a much-needed strategic perspective to our team, which also includes Vivienne Cooper, Beth Davies, and Fr Gerard. This leads me to the exciting new ministry that will **positively impact every single parishioner!**

Several months ago, I had an epiphany – one in which the Lord revealed something important to me. It became clear that unless we foster a culture in which every person feels actively accompanied, we cannot expect parishioners to accompany others to encountering Jesus – the key component of our mission. Trish Harding has accepted my invitation to lead a brand-new initiative that, to my knowledge, is a first in our diocese and possibly in Australia.

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

Together, over the next few months, Trish and I will be establishing a **Pastoral Care Call Centre (PCCC)**. This idea came to me after reflecting on the gratitude expressed by parishioners who received a phone call from one of our priests during the six-week Covid-19 lockdown in March/April 2020. At that time, our only database of parishioners consisted of those in the planned giving program.

The vision for the PCCC is that trained volunteers will work from the parish office to connect personally with every single parishioner – perhaps once or twice a year (there are 1100 at the moment), letting them know that they matter and are loved. These calls will be an opportunity to check in on parishioners' ministries, health, and concerns. However, this initiative will extend beyond caring for our regular parishioners. Each time we celebrate Mass, we are sent out to actively accompany others in becoming disciples of Jesus (Mt 28:19). The PCCC will provide a pastoral structure that enables us to reach out and show love to our Parish families, including those who have celebrated Sacraments of initiation, the next of kin who have celebrated the funeral for a loved one, wedding couples and all who have entered our parish family in any way.

Initially, the call centre will operate from the parish office on Mondays, when most workstations, phones, and computers are available. Trish informed me this afternoon that the first phone call took place today by a member of her volunteer team. The intention is to check in with people with genuine, fraternal love, and asking relevant questions that, at this time, might include:

- How are you?
- How are you adjusting to the new Mass roster?
- Is there any assistance I can offer you at this time?

These simple yet meaningful questions demonstrate that every person matters. I hope this small taste of the PCCC's purpose has sparked your curiosity. **Very soon, I will be inviting expressions of interest** from volunteers who would like to be part of this exciting new initiative. *Peace and blessings, Fr Josh*



**Children and Families Ministry Update**

As we launch in 2025, the Children and Families Team have been working hard behind the scenes to onboard some new initiatives to engage with all children and families in this parish! Here are a few events coming up - save the dates:



- **Saturday 8th March**, 2pm-4:30pm at OLR Church: **Junior Alter servers Training Day** (Targeted at those in Grade 4-7). Families invited to stay for the 5pm OLR Mass. Register via Parish Link tree.
- **Thursday 10th April**, 9am-3pm (OLR Parish Centre): **Encounter Kids Day** (Targeted at those from Prep – Grade 6). Register via Parish Link tree.
- **Tuesday 29th April & Tuesday 17th June**, 4pm-5:30pm at Unity College Hall: **Kingdom Kids Youth Group** (Targeted at those in Grade 4-6). Register via Parish Linktree.
- **Saturday 28th June - Family Fun Day!** More details coming soon.

For more information, please email [cp.childrenandfamilies@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cp.childrenandfamilies@bne.catholic.net.au) or check out the website (Ministry Areas page) for all upcoming events!

**Mini Mission 2025!**

It is important to make time to reflect on our lives and the direction life is taking us. To help us this year, we welcome back *Fr Richard Leonard*, who will lead our Parish Mini Mission over 3 days from the **10-12th March** daily from **10am at Caloundra, with a cuppa from 9.30am** sponsored by *Holy Cross Funerals*. Fr Richard will also lead a Mini Mission in the evenings at **Stella Maris Parish, Maroochydore from 5pm** on the same days. Don't let this Lenten opportunity slip by!

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### And It All Begins on Wednesday

**DAILY MASS:** Why not incorporate daily Mass into your Lenten journey this year? We have Mass opportunities each day during Lent except Wednesday.

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**LITTLE BLACK BOOKS:** Are FREE and at each Mass centres, which contain short and appropriate daily reflections which are a tremendous companion throughout the days of Lent.

**RECONCILIATION:** Forgiveness should be part of everyone's Lenten journey. God's mercy is unconditional! The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered every Saturday at OLR church from 9am. Our Communal Rite of Reconciliation takes place at 9am on 12th March.

**PROJECT COMPASSION:** A practical and life giving aspect of Lent has always been our ability to financially support, and sacrifice for those who are not so fortunate through Project Compassion Appeal. Indeed, Project Compassion is something that all individuals and families can be involved in. Envelopes are available at the entrance to each church. It is one envelope for the duration of Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** We will have Stations of the Cross during Lent at OLR & Beerwah – each Friday during Lent after the 9am morning Masses.

**LENTEN PROGRAMME:** This year the Lenten Programme is entitled, "Metanoia". We have some books here for anyone who would like a book to reflect on.

**LENT IS A SOLEMN SEASON:** You will notice that together we have less decorations in the church while the Gloria is omitted until the great celebration of Easter. As a Catholic Parish, as individuals and as families, Lent is an important time. To ensure that the grace of this season, and all the God-given opportunities, does not just slip through our fingers, it is important to think now how this Lent will be different and life transforming.

### 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](mailto:johnmanion@gmail.com) or Mb 0416 154 144

*Enjoy your Cuppa this weekend with fellow Parishioners!*

### Parish Diary

#### Monday 3 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration (OLR) 9.30am

#### Tuesday 4 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

#### Wednesday 5 Mar

Ash Wednesday Mass

7.00am - (OLR)

7.50am - (Unity)

9.00am - (OLR).

9.00am - (Maleny).

9.15am - (Currimundi)

9.30am - (Lt Mt)

6.00pm - (OLR)

6.00pm - (Lands)

#### Thursday 6 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am  
(Currimundi) NO Mass

#### Friday 7 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Stations of the Cross 9.30am (OLR)

Mass (Beerwah) 9am

Stations of the Cross 9.30am (Beerwah)

#### Saturday 8 Mar

NO Morning Mass (OLR)

9-9.45am Caloundra – Reconciliation  
and Adoration

#### Vigil Masses

#### 1st Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Notre Dame) 5pm

Held at Unity Chapel till Easter

#### Sunday 9 Mar

#### 1st Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am



World Day of Prayer  
**AUSTRALIA**

### 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



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## On the Journey

We congratulate *Evie Terrill, Emma & Harper Dehey, Sarah Carvalho Fraga & Ryan Oliveira* who will be baptised at OLR Landsborough & OLR Caloundra this weekend.

We pray for *Bill Hankinson* who has recently died, his funeral will be at Maleny on Tuesday 4th March at 11am.  
**Rest in Peace.**

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## St Vinnies Dignity Packs

OLR Primary School are collecting for the St Vinnies Lenten Appeal for 2024 again this year. St Vinnies has asked if we can bring items that are needed every day and in travel sized containers. They will put them into packs and distribute where needed.

Below is the list and items are arranged in order of priority. Please insure all items are as small as possible.

Please remember that weight and volume matter when carrying all you own.

*Hand clean - Sanity wipes - Small towel - Vaseline - Toothbrush - Toothpaste - Bodywash (to wash and shampoo in one go) - Betadine Antiseptic Ointment - Tissues - Band aids - Fingernail and toenail clippers - Comb - Small kitchen garbage bags with draw strings - Shaving cream and razor - Sunscreen - Deodorant - Small Scissors - Insect repellent - Small hairbrush - Cap - Feminine hygiene - Pen and notebook - Small Torch and batteries - Beanie*

If you can assist, please send into the Parish office for the OLR Primary School.

Thankyou in advance for supporting this worthy cause.

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## St John Vianney Prayer Group for Priests & Vocations

All are invited to join in a weekly prayer for priestly vocations, students in our Parish schools and the intentions of the Parish. The prayer hour starts with 30mins silent Adoration, followed by Rosary, Divine Mercy and other Holy Faith prayers and intercessions.

**Location:** Our Lady of The Way Church, Caloundra St. Landsborough **Time:** 9am every Thursday

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### Thank you Thank you Thank you!

To our wonderful talented handyman who sanded back and repainted our seats in the Columbarium area.

You have done a wonderful job in bringing back life into the seats for parishioners to just take a moment.

(Go check them out)

They look fantastic!



### Grief Support

If you are experiencing grief through the loss of a loved one, a broken relationship or a major life change of any kind, and you feel that the Grief Support team can be of assistance to you or a family member, please contact Kath on [olrgriefsupp@gmail.com](mailto:olrgriefsupp@gmail.com) or the Parish Office with your details so a support person can contact you.

All contact is treated with utmost confidentiality.

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### 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.



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