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Third Sunday of Lent 22/23 March 2025- Year C

Our Shared Responsibility

I feel incredibly blessed to be appointed as your Parish Priest – I really mean that. It's not the surf, nor the sun, but the people and places that make this parish home. Thank you for the way you consciously contribute to making our parish a wonderful community of vibrant people who, regardless of age, are filled with life and energy as they grow in faith. Having the privilege of walking alongside you is something I do not take lightly, nor for granted. In fact, I wish I had more time to spend with you. While I'm probably the kind of priest who works hard to avoid loneliness (not the healthiest approach, I know), I have a wonderful team of people on whom I rely heavily – my Senior Leadership Team and closest friends, comprised of Beth Davies, Steve Kay, Vivienne Cooper and Fr Gerard – and who have accepted the responsibility of being my primary support structure.

Just outside that primary level of support, however, is a huge group of people whom I don't so much as *rely upon* in a personal sense but *depend upon* to carry out our Mission – and they are each of you. I am incredibly grateful for the way you give, serve, worship, and participate in parish life. Each and every baptised person in our parish carries a God-given and privileged responsibility to be active and engaged members. While this responsibility will look different for each person (see 1 Cor 12:12-27 and Eph 4:11-12), the responsibility is given to all.

As Pope Paul VI wrote in 1975, a message later reinforced by Pope Francis, "The Church exists to evangelise" – as do all Catholic parishes in the world; this is our primary reason for existence. **Evangelisation is the process by which existing and new people come to know, love and follow Jesus.** Exactly *how* that takes place in each parish is dependent upon the creation of a leadership structure to support people's growth in faith. My hope is that you can already see this beginning to happen. Growing new and existing followers of Jesus, however, takes both time and resources. While we are seeing significant fruit from our five-year investment in Kingdom Youth, it is utterly necessary to invest in the growth of all age groups. **I need your help to build a structure that allows us to grow in faith while attracting and accompanying new followers of Jesus.**

While we are blessed to have a full-time Mission Coordinator in Beth Davies – whose most important role is to facilitate Alpha, our primary tool for evangelisation – **we need to hire a second full time employee.** This has never been clearer to me than now; the effects of losing Fr Francis are far greater than changes to our Mass times. Losing a priest has reduced my capacity to invest time and energy into existing communities as well as significant growth areas (the Notre Dame Launch Team, the development of key leaders such as Fr Gerard and Beth, not to mention school ministry, preaching preparation, the celebration of Masses, funerals, weddings, baptisms, etc). I see this new hire as someone to support and actively accompany us all, and to come alongside and train the new Pastoral Leaders of each community and their (eventual) leadership team. **To enable this to happen, we would need to increase our income significantly.**

One of the challenges the Parish Finance Council and I currently face, however, is not knowing how many givers we have in our parish, nor how many people give *by* cash and Tap-Machines. This is key, and so while we depend heavily on each giver in our parish to accept responsibility in this area (automated giving allows me to budget much effectively), **I am also asking you to become an identified giver** as a sign of your commitment in this year of engagement.

Next weekend, pledge cards will be available in all church pews. These cards will ask you to *identify yourself as a giver, the amount you give, the frequency* of your giving, and *the way* you currently give (DD, CC, PG envelopes, Parish Giving App, Bank Transfer, Tap Machines, or Cash). I realise that I am being incredibly bold in asking for this information, but knowing these things (with the greatest respect to your privacy) will allow us to budget and invest our collective resources into our Mission far more effectively. Friends, I am thoroughly committed to the responsibility of growing our parish. Will you share this responsibility with me?

Peace and blessings, Fr Josh

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



Service & Outreach Update

At the end of February, our Service & Outreach team partnered with Share-a-Meal to support one of their weekly outreach efforts in Happy Valley. Share-a-Meal provides home-cooked meals every Thursday for those in need in the Caloundra community. It originally started as a Catholic initiative and has ongoing involvement from some of our dedicated parishioners.

Our team was honoured to assist in preparing and serving a delicious selection of meals for the attendees. The meals were warmly received, and the experience was deeply rewarding for all involved. We look forward to continuing our support for this wonderful program in the future.

Looking ahead, the Service & Outreach team also has upcoming events connected to Laudato Si' Week and Reconciliation Week. Please be sure to mark these in your calendar.

Laudato Si' Week - Care for Creation. May 16 to 24

Laudato Si' Week gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment to respond to the cries of the earth and the cries of the poor. As a part of this week, there will be a presentation by EnviroCom on "Recycling and War on Waste - A response to the call of Pope Francis in Laudato Si'".

OLR Church, Wednesday 21 May 7.00pm - 8.00pm.



National Reconciliation Week. May 27 to 3 June.

With the theme of 'Bridging Now to Next', Reconciliation Week urges us to look ahead and continue the push forward for reconciliation together. As a part of this week, special guest speakers Joni McCourt (Archdiocesan Ministries) and Ravina Waldren (Murri Ministry) will be hosting a morning tea and information session to explain what a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) is and the advantages for our Parish.

OLR Church Saturday, 31 May. Morning Tea 10.30am. Presentation 11.00am - 12.30 pm.

More information will be in the next S&O Report in Parish Newsletter 18th May.

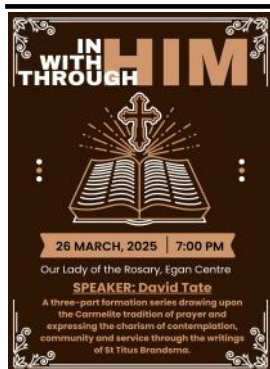
Please join the Service & Outreach Ministry Team at these events.

Badge Orders

Due to the volume of badge orders currently, there can be up to a 4 week wait. Please email the office after 4 weeks to check on your badge order. Thank you.



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Formation Series

A three-part formation series drawing upon the Carmelite tradition of prayer, and expressing the charism of contemplation, community, and service through the writings of St Titus Brandsma.

Time: 7pm Wednesday 26th March
Location: OLR Church

Livestreaming training and refresher

David Marshall is holding a training session for anyone interested in learning how to livestream at Masses. (Young and old) including a refresher for the current volunteers.

Date: Sunday, March 30th
at 10.45am in OLR Church

On the Journey

We congratulate **Hugo Ciseau, Dash Labis & Atticus Magolan** who will be baptised at OLR & Maleny this weekend.

We pray for **Sharon Harnett, Joey Dunne & Maureen Hamman** who have recently died, their funerals will be at OLR 11am on 25th March & 27th March and OLR 11.30am 8th April respectively, may their souls and the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

Rest in Peace.

Scan to Register



Alpha

The course will run on a **Monday afternoon** in Landsborough (commencing 28th April) and on a **Tuesday evening** in Caloundra (commencing 29th of April) and runs through **until the 30th and 1st of July** respectively. You can scan the QR code to register or contact the parish office



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



World Day of Prayer
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World Day of Prayer – 28th March

(Re-scheduled due to the cyclone!)

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



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: OLR Church, 61 Edmund St, Caloundra



Children and Families

Encounter Kids Fun day is back!



Thursday, 10th
April (School Holidays)



9:00am – 3:00pm



OLR Parish Centre

Get ready for an action-packed day filled with games, activities, engaging messages, and prayer, all designed to give kids a joyful and powerful encounter with the Catholic faith.



Who's it for: Children from Prep to Grade 6

Cost: \$20 per child; \$50 per family of 3 or more

How to Register: Visit our Parish website at caloundracatholicparish.net and sign up via the Linktree or QR code



Spaces are limited,
so register today!
We look forward to
seeing you there.

Parish Diary

Monday 24 Mar

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

Tuesday 25 Mar

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

Wednesday 26 Mar

Liturgy (OLR School) 9am
Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 27 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 28 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Stations of the Cross 9.30am (OLR)

Mass (Beerwah) 9am
Stations of the Cross 9.30am (Beerwah)

Saturday 29 Mar

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

Vigil Masses

4th Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 5pm

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

Sunday 30 Mar

4th Sunday of Lent

Mass (OLR) 7.30am
Mass (Lands) 9am (1/3/5 Sunday)
Mass (Maleny) 9am (2/4 Sunday)
Mass (OLR) 9.30am
Mass (Unity) 5pm
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Hurry! Only 5 weeks to go. Have you bought your ticket yet?



DINNER & DANCE

26th April 2025 (Sat) | 5.30pm to 11pm
Sunshine Coast Function Centre Caloundra RSL
19 West Terrace Caloundra

Ticket costs \$79 includes 3 course meal, welcome drink and live band entertainment



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