



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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**3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 13/14 DECEMBER 2025 - YEAR A**

## Making Room For Jesus This Advent

**Advent** is all about making room in the in, room in our hearts, our homes, and our lives, so that when Christ comes at Christmas, there is room for all these spaces.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy visited NASA for a tour of the space centre. As he walked through the facility, he noticed a janitor mopping the floor. Wanting to acknowledge him, JFK paused, introduced himself, and asked, “What do you do here?” The janitor looked up and replied, “Well, Mr. President, I’m helping put a man on the moon.” His simple answer revealed something profound: he wasn’t just sweeping floors; he saw his work as part of a larger mission. **Every task, no matter how small, contributed to the greater goal.**



Growing in the spiritual life is the same beautiful journey of hope (a perfect parallel in this Jubilee Year of Hope). Just know that every small step we take toward Christ strengthens the whole parish. Spiritual growth quietly enriches the people around you. When one heart makes room for Jesus, grace grows in the whole community, and it slowly ripples across to all whom we meet, just like some good news that can’t be contained its joy spreading like a pebble tossed into a lake, quietly rippling outward from one heart to another.

I’m always struck by this interesting phenomenon:

Two people can sit side-by-side in the same pew, at the same Mass, hearing the same readings and receiving the same Eucharist, and yet one walks away changed while the other feels no different. Why? It’s not because God showed up for one and not the other. But perhaps because one heart had room, and the other heart was too full, too cluttered, too weighed down to receive what God longed to give. I’m utterly convinced that God is speaking to us all the time, but all too often we are too busy/blind/deaf/unaware/dismissive to notice.

This season invites us to look gently and honestly at the “clutter” we’ve allowed to accumulate: the worries, habits, resentments, distractions, and spiritual dust we’ve ignored. Some clutter is loud and obvious. Some is subtle: the tired heart, the cynical attitude, the quiet heaviness we’ve carried for far too long.

The anticipatory waiting of **Advent invites us to find God just a little space.** One small corner of our hearts and things will change. Perhaps we’ll feel lighter, more alive, our hearts have more space for others again.

That’s the heart of our mission here at OLR Parish: To be a to be a vibrant community which actively accompanies people to encounter Jesus... and we fulfil this when we listen to those gentle nudges and serve those around us. Those inner whispers that say, “Go say hello.” “Offer to help.” “Forgive.” “Reach out to the person on your mind.” “Make time for Me.”

Imagine what God could do in our parish if each of us made just a little more room for Him this Advent. Imagine the warmth people would feel when they walk through our doors at Christmas because Christ has found more space to come alive in the hearts of His people. When He finds room in the inn of our hearts, everything else begins to flourish.

**Pilgrim well through advent, and happy cleaning!**

**-Fr Gerard**

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## **Celebrating Our Amazing Youth Leaders!**

As we approach the end of another vibrant and faith-filled year, **we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude to all our wonderful youth leaders.** Your dedication, enthusiasm, and compassion have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of the young people in our parish. Thank you for every hour volunteered, every event planned, and every moment spent guiding and uplifting our youth.

On Thursday, 4th December, several of our leaders attended the **Youth Leaders Dinner hosted by the Archdiocese of Brisbane.** It was a beautiful evening celebrating the commitment and spirit of youth ministry across the region.

We are especially excited to extend a huge congratulations to our **Youth Minister, Christyna,** who received the **Newcomer Award!** In her very first year serving in the Youth Minister role here in our Parish, Christyna has brought fresh energy, warmth, and initiative that have already had a profound impact. This award is a well-deserved recognition of the passion and dedication she carries into her ministry every day.

Well done, Christyna and well done to all our incredible youth leaders. Your work is a blessing to our parish, and we are deeply proud of everything you have achieved this year. Here's to the journey ahead and to the continued growth of our youth and young adult community!



## **Christmas Day Lunch Invitation**



This Christmas, we warmly invite anyone who will be on their own and would enjoy sharing a meal with others to join us for a sumptuous **Christmas lunch at 11 am**, following the 9.30 am OLR Mass. If you already have plans for Christmas Day, perhaps you know a neighbour, friend, or fellow parishioner who would appreciate this invitation. Please feel free to pass it on. Lunch will take place in the covered area beside the church. There's no need to bring anything—just come and celebrate Christmas with others.

For catering purposes, please **RSVP by Sunday 21st December** by speaking with **Dominic or Therese Pecora** after the 9.30am OLR Mass, or call them on **0425 794 608.**

Let us come together as a parish family and share the joy and warmth of Christmas.



## **Seniors' Group Christmas Carols Sing-a-long - 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Join us for a festive morning on **Tuesday, 23rd December.**

We begin with **morning tea after the 9:00am Mass** in the undercover area—a lovely chance to gather and enjoy some fellowship.

Following this, the **Seniors' Group Christmas Carols Sing-a-long will take place at 10:00am** in the Caloundra Church. Steve and the wonderful 7:30am choir will lead the singing, and there will even be a **special surprise guest appearance.**

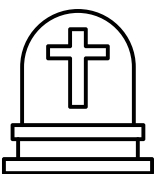
All are warmly invited to come along and share in the joy of the season.



## **ON THE JOURNEY**

As a Parish family we would like to congratulate **James Claremont** and **Jaimee Wallace-Smith** who were married on the 4<sup>th</sup> December at Maleny.

We pray for the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners.



**Funerals:**

**Patricia (Trish) Meaney:** 10<sup>th</sup> December, 11am at Stella Maris

*May they Rest in Peace.*



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

## Christmas Mass Times

As we prepare to celebrate the joyous birth of our Saviour, we warmly invite all parishioners, families, and visitors to join us for our Christmas Masses. This holy season is a time of hope, peace, and community, and we look forward to sharing it together in prayer and celebration. Please check the detailed Christmas Mass timetable in this newsletter and plan to join us as we welcome the light of Christ into our hearts and homes.



<u>Christmas Eve, December 24th</u>	
	Time
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 3.50pm)	4.00pm
Unity College, Caloundra West (Carols at 3.50pm)	4.00pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 6.50pm)	7.00pm
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 9.50pm)	10.00pm

<u>Christmas Day, December 25th</u>	
	Time
Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra	7.30am
	9.30am
Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough	7.00am
Sacred Heart, Maleny	9.00am
Bl Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi	9.15am
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain	10.30am



## Parish Diary

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Mass (OLR) 9am  
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am  
**Ladies Prayer Group (OLR)**  
9:30am - 12pm  
**Cards Group (OLR)**  
8:30am - 12pm

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Rosary (OLR) 8am  
Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration for Vocations (Lands) 9am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation (OLR)  
9am

### Vigil Masses

#### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Mass (OLR) 5pm  
Mass (Notre Dame - **at Unity College Chapel**) 5pm

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

#### *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Mass (OLR) 7.30am  
Mass (Landsborough) 9am  
Mass (OLR) 9:30am  
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am  
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am  
Mass (Unity) 5pm

### Advent Sacrament of Penance

#### Second Rite of Reconciliation

(A communal liturgical celebration with individual confession and absolution)

### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December

OLR Caloundra 9am

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Stella Maris, Maroochydore 5pm

## Parish Notice- Maleny

Please note that our Tuesday morning Adoration and Rosary in Maleny is now in remission and will resume on Tuesday, 13th January. We also advise that the Friday afternoon Stations of the Cross and Adoration are in remission until February. We thank all parishioners for their understanding and look forward to gathering again in prayer when these devotions recommence.

## Advent Second Rite of Reconciliation

As we prepare our hearts during the Advent season, you are invited to participate in the Second Rite of Reconciliation, a communal celebration that includes Scripture, prayer, and a shared examination of conscience, followed by individual confession and absolution.

### Celebration Times:

OLR, Caloundra: December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am

Stella Maris, Maroochydore: December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm

All are welcome as we prepare for the coming of Christ with hearts renewed and reconciled.

## 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.

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