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A Short Yet Fulfilling Experience

Greetings to you all. As I'm nearing the endpoint of my six-week Advent placement here in the Caloundra parish, Fr Josh asked me to write something for the newsletter and I was more than happy to say yes. This has been a wonderful opportunity to pause, reflect, and share a little about what my placement in the community has meant for me.

Before a seminarian is sent on placement, we are asked to set a number of goals for our time in the parish and some of mine were practical: maintaining a healthy balance of prayer, study, rest, and ministry; and learning the administrative skills essential for parish life. But my final goal was the one I was most excited about: **to experience a parish undergoing the journey of Divine Renovation, or in other words, a community intentionally transitioning from maintenance to mission.** This kind of renewal is, I believe, an essential movement for the Church going forward.

One of the first things that struck me on arrival was the **warmth and hospitality of the parishioners** across the many diverse faith communities that make up the Caloundra parish. Each Mass Centre has its own character and rhythm, yet everywhere I have encountered **genuine welcome, kindness, and a shared love for the Lord.** I am deeply grateful for the way parishioners and staff have embraced me from the moment I arrived.

Although my main focus for this placement was meant to be administration and personal formation, God seemed to have a richer pastoral experience in mind. I have found myself involved in far more pastoral encounters than I expected and I couldn't be more grateful for it. Over these first three to four weeks, I had the privilege of leading a lay-led Liturgy of the Word where I was able to share my testimony, I joined an Encounter Night here in the parish and took part in the retreat that followed the next day. These moments were not only spiritually uplifting but also powerful reminders of the hunger people have for authentic encounter with Christ.

My time in the parish schools has also been a highlight. Attending end-of-year liturgies and visiting classrooms to answer students' questions about the faith and about my own journey toward the priesthood has been both humbling and energising. **There is something profoundly beautiful about the honesty and curiosity of young people when they engage with matters of faith.**

I have also had the opportunity to learn from the parish's sacramental life in a hands-on way. Being present at funerals, observing wedding preparation, and assisting with RCIT practices and Masses have given me invaluable insight into the many moments: joyful, challenging, and everything in between, that a priest is invited to walk with the People of God.

All these experiences have taught me so much about the priesthood and the wide range of skills, sensitivities, and strengths needed to serve God's people well. While administration may seem like a dull topic to some, I have come to appreciate how essential it is for healthy parish life. **Learning about effective structures and the importance of empowering lay leadership has been one of the great learnings of my placement.** These structures allow the priest to focus more intentionally on pastoral and sacramental ministry, while giving parishioners the opportunity to offer their gifts and talents for the building up of God's kingdom. One profound learning I will take with me is that **every parish is built on countless hidden acts of service; simple, faithful offerings that often go unseen but are precious in the eyes of God.**

As I reflect on my time here so far, I believe God is showing me a blueprint for parish renewal: **one rooted in collaboration, trust, hospitality, prayer, and mission.** This is a model I hope to carry with me into the future as I continue my journey toward the priesthood.

Thank you all once again for your welcome and for the life you share as a parish. It is a blessing to be among you, and I look forward to the remaining weeks ahead.

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

Rosies Outreach Gathering

Last Friday evening, our Parish Community Outreach team brought a touch of Christmas joy to those attending the **Rosies Outreach gathering**. In addition to the regular Friday night BBQ provided by the parish, **our Filipino choir offered a beautiful selection of uplifting Christmas carols, filling the park with beautiful music that drew people and families in from the street to share in the festivities**. We were delighted to have both Fr Josh and Fr Gerard on hand, generously helping to serve dinner and spend time with patrons.

We were also blessed by the kindness of a parishioner who generously donated **\$1,000** towards grocery gift vouchers. These were distributed to patrons together with Christmas cards and chocolates—small gestures from the parish to help make their Christmas a little warmer and brighter. 🎄🎁

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have supported this initiative and our other Outreach activities with Share-a-Meal and our Community Cooking over the past months, giving their time and energy to care for those in our community. And a special thank you to the choir, who helped make this Christmas event feel just that little bit 'spesh'. If you are interested in volunteering with the team or sponsoring one of our Outreaches, please contact cp.serviceandoutreach@bne.catholic.net.au. You can catch a short snippet of the choir's performance on the Parish Facebook by scanning the QR-Code below!

The Service Outreach Team



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 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 from 9:45am-10:45am in the Egan Room**. 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



We congratulate **Kayce Hales** who will be baptised at OLV Landsborough this weekend.



Funerals:

We pray for **Carol West** whose funeral will be 23rd December, 11am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church. It has been requested that instead of flowers, you are invited to donate to the Adam Crosby Centre at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. Attendees are also asked to wear bright colours.

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

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.

Christmas Eve, December 24th	
	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

Christmas Day, December 25th	
	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 22nd December

9am Mass (OLR)
9:30am Adoration (OLR)

Tuesday 23rd December

9am Mass (OLR)
9:30am Rosary (OLR)

Wednesday 24th December

4:00pm Mass - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.
4:00pm Mass - Caloundra West, Unity College.
7:00pm Mass - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.
10:00pm Mass - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra.

Thursday 25th December

7:00am Mass - Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough
7:30am Mass - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
9:00am Mass - Sacred Heart Church, Maleny
9:15am Mass - Blessed Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi
9:30am Mass - Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra
10:30am Mass - Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain

Friday 26th December

No Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra or Mary Mackillop, Beerwah.

Saturday 27th December

No Reconciliation or Adoration at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra.

Vigil Masses

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Notre Dame - **at Unity College Chapel**) 5pm

Sunday 28th December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Mass (OLR) 7.30am
Mass (Maleny) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9:30am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am
Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am
Mass (Unity) 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:

Stella Maris, Maroochydore: December 22nd 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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