



# OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH -  
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## Feast Of The Holy Family

We say it often and hear it often: **“God loves you.”** But have you truly experienced that love in a way that is powerful and transformative? If I asked that question to 100 Catholics, I suspect many would struggle to answer. What would you say if someone asked you, *“Do you know that Jesus loves you?”*

If I’m honest, I think I’d feel a little defensive and quickly reply, *“Yes, of course I do.”* After all, Scripture tells us so. **But it’s one thing to believe that Jesus loves me because the Bible says so—it’s quite another to feel that love flooding my heart in gift moments of stillness, silence, and solitude.**

The Bible has often been described as God’s love letter to humanity. St Paul captures this beautifully in his letter to the Colossians: *“You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you.”* These words are not abstract or theoretical. **God’s love isn’t general or vague—it’s personal, specific, and active.** He knows our name. He knows our story. He knows our wounds and our hopes. And He loves us in the midst of all of it.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we see love lived out in the most concrete way: Joseph’s trust, Mary’s obedience, and Jesus’ presence. Joseph trusted the voice of God even when the path was uncertain. Mary surrendered her plans to embrace God’s plan. And Jesus—Love Himself—entered into the ordinary rhythms of family life.

**This is what Divine love looks like: not distant or detached, but close and committed.** The Holy Family reminds us that God’s love is not just a concept to understand but a reality to experience.

Jesus desires to reveal His love—not just through the seven Sacraments, but in deeply personal ways that speak to our hearts.

And this is the heartbeat of our parish vision: ***that every person would experience the joy of intimacy with Jesus—a joy that transforms hearts and ignites a desire to boldly and joyfully share what we have received with others.*** When we encounter His love, we cannot keep it to ourselves. Like Mary rushing to Elizabeth, like the shepherds running to Bethlehem, love compels us outward.

So, how do we open ourselves to that love? **It begins with trust.** Like Joseph, we need to trust that God is speaking and guiding us. It continues with surrender—like Mary, we need to say “yes” even when it costs us something. And it flourishes in presence—like Jesus, we need to be present to God and present to one another in love. This week, I invite you to take time for stillness. Find a quiet moment and pray:

*“Lord Jesus, I trust in Your love. Open my eyes to see You, my ears to hear You, and my heart to receive the joy of Your presence.”*

Let this prayer become your doorway into a deeper experience of God’s love. Because when you truly encounter that love, everything changes. Fear gives way to peace. Anxiety gives way to hope. And life becomes a response of gratitude to the One who loves us beyond measure.

As we celebrate the Holy Family, let’s also remember that our families—however imperfect—are called to reflect this divine love. In our homes, workplaces, and communities, may we strive to live with trust, obedience, and presence. And may we never forget the simple yet profound truth that can transform our lives: **He loves you.**

*With peace and love, Fr Josh*

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

## A Warm Welcome!

Welcome to everyone joining us today. Whether you are travelling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to celebrate with us today. May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones safe in this holiday season!



## Parish Office Closure

The Parish Office **has closed and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday 13th January 2026**. In the case of a pastoral emergency, you can contact a priest through the **parish emergency phone 0431 099 854**.

Over the next two weeks, please note the **changes to our Weekday Masses** - you can find this information under **Parish Diary** each week, or you can scan the QR code to take you to the full list of Mass Times over this Christmas & New Years holidays.



## A Pilgrimage Rich in Grace

On Saturday, 13th December, it was a great joy to organise and accompany parishioners from Caloundra, Landsborough, Maleny and Maroochydore on a deeply spiritual pilgrimage to the **Marian Valley Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians at Canungra**. We gathered to celebrate the **30th Anniversary of the shrine's opening**, and the day was filled with prayer, reverence and grace.

We were extraordinarily blessed to receive a **Papal Blessing through the personal delegate of His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Krzysztof Józef Nykiel, Titular Bishop of Velia, who travelled from Rome for the occasion**. This blessing included the granting of a Plenary Indulgence for pilgrims to Marian Valley throughout the year, for all who meet the usual conditions. We were also honoured by the presence of Bishop Columba Macbeth-Green, two priests from America, many local priests including the Pauline Fathers and Brothers, several deacons, and hundreds of pilgrims.

The Mass was beautifully celebrated and deeply prayerful, enriched by music from the Schola of the Cathedral of St Stephen. A particularly moving moment was the joyful entrance procession led by members of the Papua New Guinea community, reflecting the universality of the Church. After Mass, pilgrims spent time praying throughout the peaceful grounds, and we concluded together with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm.

**The joy and grace of the day were evident on every face**. Many parishioners shared how deeply touched they were, with one saying she felt this was exactly the pilgrimage God wanted her to be part of. I warmly encourage parishioners to visit Marian Valley, where the Plenary Indulgence remains available, offering a beautiful opportunity to encounter God's mercy through the loving intercession of Our Lady.

**Therese Pecora, 9.30am OLR Mass Pastoral Leader**



## On The Journey...

We congratulate **Bodhi Wilson** who will be baptised at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Caloundra this weekend.

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

May they **Rest in Peace**.

## Parish Diary

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

**No 9:30am Mass  
at Little Mountain**

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> January

Rosary (OLR) 8am  
Mass (OLR) 9am  
Adoration for Vocations (Lands)  
9am  
**No 9:15am Mass  
at Currimundi**

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

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

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

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

### Vigil Masses

#### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Mass (OLR) 5pm

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January

#### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Mass (OLR) 7.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Mass (OLR) 9:30am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Mass (Unity) 5pm

