



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CATHOLIC PARISH

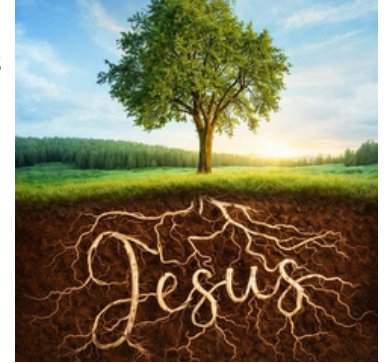
Parish Office (9am - 1pm) –Ph: 07 5430 9390 (After hours pastoral emergency 0431 099 854)

Email - caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au **Website** - www.caloundracatholicparish.net

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 24/25 JANUARY - YEAR A

Planning And Planting On Firm Foundations

Last week our Ministry Leadership Teams gathered for their Annual Planning Day. As per our 2023-2027 Strategic Plan we have 6 main areas of growth identified in the parish: **Children & Families, Youth & Young Adults, Faith & Formation, Community Life, Service & Outreach, and Worship**. Shaped by prayer, reflection and collaboration as we reflected on 2025 and planned with intentionality into 2026 there was a palpable sense of excitement in the room and, more importantly, a deep awareness that **Holy Spirit is alive and active among us**, guiding our conversations and stirring hope for the future.



Some of the great joys of the day was sharing our victory stories of the past year, planning into the future and witnessing our ministries move beyond individual silos to truly listen to one another. As teams shared their hopes, challenges, and ideas, there was a growing recognition of how deeply **interconnected our ministries** are and how each area of parish life supports and enriches the others. Seeing this spirit of synodality was both inspiring and affirming, reminding us that we are not many separate parts competing for space, but **one parish family sharing a single mission**.

This experience echoes the Gospel reading we hear this Sunday, (Matt 4:12-23), where Jesus calls ordinary people going about their daily work and invites them into something greater. “Come, follow me,” He says. They were not experts. They were not fully prepared. They did not have a detailed roadmap. What they did have was a willingness to respond. That same call is spoken to us today. Our Planning Day was, at its heart, a response to Jesus’ invitation to follow Him more intentionally as individuals and as a parish community.

There is a familiar saying: “Failing to plan is planning to fail.” Here at OLR, we are choosing to plan deliberately and prayerfully, not simply to maintain what we have always done or to tick boxes, but to move more fully from a church that merely maintains its image, **to one which is on fire for mission and continues to make disciples**. This means equipping people for discipleship, forming leaders and ministries, and creating spaces where faith can deepen and flourish. Good planning is about good stewardship over our God-given abilities...*how can I use my skills, gifts and talents to build the kingdom of God in my local church? It helps us ask the right questions such as: Where is God already at work? Who is He calling us to reach? And how can we support one another to make disciples?*

Jesus also reminds us that any future worth building must rest on a firm foundation. As a parish and as individuals, we are invited to plant ourselves firmly in Christ. Practically, this means setting aside time each day for prayer and Scripture (maybe previewing the Readings before Mass so you are not hearing them for the first time at Church), staying connected to a ministry (we have over 30!), joining a Connect group (watch this space), serving where our gifts can bless others, and intentionally planning our lives so that faith is not an afterthought, but the foundation. **When we are rooted in Christ, we are better able to grow, adapt, and bear fruit together – because we need to be connected to Jesus, who is the source!**

With hope and gratitude, I look forward to all that lies ahead as we continue this shared journey of faith; a lifelong journey where we are first called by Christ, rooted in His love, and sent together on mission. **“Come, follow me!”** Jesus is calling each of us to follow his Mission. Let us walk boldly into 2026 striving to **say “yes”** to all the opportunities where we can become a Planning and Planting on Firm Foundations vibrant community which actively accompanies all people to encounter Jesus.

**Disciple well,
Fr Gerard**

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

MLT Planning Day - Saturday 17th January

Last Saturday, our **Ministry Leadership Teams** gathered for our **Annual Planning Day**, a meaningful time of prayer, reflection, and collaboration as we reflected on the year prior and planned for the year ahead.

A heartfelt thank you to the **Arch Min Team**: Teresa, Chantale, Vanessa, and Amy, who joined us and generously gave their time, guidance, and support to help facilitate the day. Your leadership and encouragement were truly appreciated.

The Spirit is truly alive and at work in our Parish. It was a joy to witness the energy in the room as our Ministry Areas shared ideas, listened deeply to one another, and discovered the many ways their work **connects and complements each other**.

Seeing ministries collaborate and support one another, **recognizing their shared mission and working together as one unified parish community**, was both inspiring and affirming.

We look forward with hope and gratitude to all that lies ahead as we continue this shared journey together.



Invitation to a Conversation: Shaping Our Ministry to the Lonely/Grieving/Isolated

In every season of life, Jesus meets us with compassion—and often He does so through the presence of others. Over recent years, our parish Grief Support ministry has quietly and faithfully accompanied those experiencing loss. **We now sense an invitation to pause, reflect, and discern together how this ministry might grow and respond more broadly to the needs of our community.**

We are **inviting interested parishioners to join a conversation** about the best way forward for this ministry to expanding its focus from grief support alone to a more encompassing **Compassion & Connection Ministry**—one that offers presence, listening, friendship, and gentle accompaniment to people navigating grief, loneliness, illness, life transitions, or times of hardship.

This is not a meeting with predetermined outcomes, but a space for prayerful discussion, shared wisdom, and discernment about how we might best serve others in this season of parish life. If you have a compassionate heart, value human connection, or simply feel curious about how our parish can walk more intentionally with those in need, you are warmly encouraged to attend. Your voice, insight, and prayerful presence will be an important part of shaping what comes next. Please note that no RSVP is necessary. **Fr Josh.**

When: Saturday 31 January

Time: 10:00am

Where: Egan Room, Parish Centre, Caloundra

Planned Giving (Envelopes) - Now Available At Each Mass Centre

Thank you for so generously sharing your treasure to help sustain and support our parish community. Your ongoing commitment makes a meaningful difference to our mission and ministries.

We have resissued envelopes to current givers at each Mass Centre. Please note you will have a new number. If you are able, we kindly ask you to consider changing to direct debit as a convenient and reliable way to give. If this option suits you, or if you cannot find your envelope this weekend, please contact the parish office during the coming week and we will be happy to assist you.

ON THE JOURNEY



We pray for those who have been recently Baptised into the Church.
May they be guided by their parents/caregivers as they grow in faith.

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.

Get Stuck Into Some Fun, Fellowship and the Big Questions To Kick Off Your Year!

A new **Alpha course** is starting the first week of February - so if you've been waiting for the chance, now is the time! If you're looking for more, an opportunity to meet some new people and have some meaningful discussions and a meal in a fun atmosphere Alpha is what you are looking for.

Join us and bring along that friend who is always asking why? Registrations are essential.

When: Weekly From Tuesday 3rd Feb - 24th March - 6-8pm

Retreat Day: Saturday 21st March

Location: Parish Centre, 61 Edmund Street Shelly Beach

Registration: Click the QR code on the right!



Attention Pastoral Carers (Home Communion Ministers)

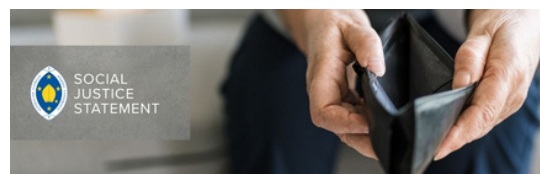
Our annual gathering will be held on **Wednesday 28 January, from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Egan Room**. Pastoral Carers are strongly encouraged to attend, as important matters will be discussed, including the Anointing of the Sick and priest availability for 2026, among other topics.

Those who are unable to attend are asked to notify the parish office.

Fencing - OLR Primary School

Dear Parishioners, I pray that you all experienced a blessed and joyous festive season. You may have noticed the **new boundary fence that is being built around the school**. This fence is to assist with the security of the school grounds, as well as a proactive child safety measure while school is in session. This fence will impact your Mass parking arrangements on Alfred Street. **The school carpark on Alfred Street will be closed from Friday afternoon, the 30th of January**. The new fence will not impact parking arrangements in the Edmund street carpark.

I thank you in advance for your understanding - **Grant Haigh, Principal**.



CATHOLIC JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION INVITES YOU TO

Brisbane launch of the **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference 2026 Social Justice Statement**. Launched by **Archbishop Shane Mackinlay** with a reflection from **Trish McMahon**, State President for St Vincent de Paul Society.

THE COST OF OUR LIVING: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD.

10 FEB | 7PM | ST JAMES PARISH HALL

92 Kirkland Avenue Coorparoo (Off-street parking available)



Register your seat or connection through this link.



LIVE Stream Hosted by the St James Catholic Parish Social Justice Group and the Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission

MODULE 3
BEING SACRAMENTAL

PRESENTED BY

 DCN. PETER PELLICAN PHD Executive Director Archdiocesan Ministries	 ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY Archbishop of Brisbane	 DR CLARE SCHWANTES Director, Liturgy Brisbane	 ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS MARK COLERIDGE Bishop, Archdiocese of Brisbane
------------------------------------------------------------------------------	----------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------

STARTING FEBRUARY 2026 REGISTER NOW

SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE & TO REGISTER OR VISIT catholicformation.au

ARCHDIOCESEAN CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC FORMATION

Parish Diary

Monday 26th January.

Mass (OLR) 9am
Adoration (OLR) 9.30am
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 27th January

Adoration (Maleny) 8:30am
Rosary (Maleny) 9am
Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am

Wednesday 28th January.

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 29th January

Mass (OLR) 9am
Rosary (OLR) 9.30am
Adoration for Vocations (Lands)
9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Friday 30th January

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

Saturday 31st January

Reconciliation & Adoration (OLR)
9am - 9:45am

Vigil Masses

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday 1st February.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



Follow Us On Our Socials!

Stay up to date with our community by following our Facebook and Instagram Page!

Facebook:

Caloundra Catholic Parish

Instagram:

@caloundracatholicparish

Year of Yes Prayer

Today and every day I say Yes to you O Lord. In the same way that Mary said yes to your invitation, I say Yes to your Son's presence in my life.

May my yes, by the power of your Holy Spirit, allow you to use all the talents, skills and gifts you have given me for the purpose of building up Your Body in our community. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOUSECALL COMPUTERS

We come to you

- New computers • Repairs
- Viruses

0424 181 782

No call out fee



2-GO Clear-Space The Clear-Choice!!

RUBBISH (ANYTHING) REMOVAL

Fridges, Beds, Mattress's, Lounges, including clutter.

Small Clutter or Full House Clearances

CALL NOW 0477 772 138



- AIR CONDITIONING
- ELECTRICAL
- REFRIGERATION
- SECURITY

07 5237 4009

- www.radicooolair.com
- admin@radicooolair.com
- @radicooolair
- radicooolairconditioningandelectrical

AIRC - A1464670 Electrical Contractors - 64287
CIBC - 1508 4427 AIN - 68 197 708 889

GREGSON & WEIGHT

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

- Caloundra 5491 1559
- Maroochydore 5443 9953
- Nambour 5476 2866
- Noosa 5470 2664



Guiding you through your time of need with compassion, dignity and affordability.

Phone 5208 9337

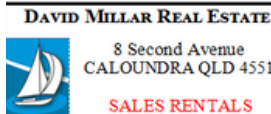
www.holycrossfunerals.com

Greenhalgh Pickard

Legal Insight, Business Instinct.

Buderim • Caloundra • Coolumb • Kawana

07 5444 1022



8 Second Avenue
CALOUNDRA QLD 4551

SALES RENTALS
FREE PROPERTY
APPRAISAL

PHONE: (07) 5491 3344

info@davidmillarrealestate.com.au



INDIAN, FILIPINO & ISLAND
GROCERY

22 First Avenue, Caloundra - 4551

07 54 381 381

www.coastalspices.com.au



CARPET COURT

CALOUNDRA | 5 Carnegie St, Baringa, QLD 4551
KAWANA | 112 Nicklin Way, Warana, QLD 4575
P 5437 9761

CARPETCOURT.COM.AU



35 years on the Sunshine Coast, manufacturers of kitchen, vanity, bar tops domestic and commercial, shopfitting. Direct importers of granite, marble and semi-precious stones. Processing reconstituted stone. Please call.

7 Industrial Ave, Caloundra West
Ph: 07 5491 9035
Fax: 07 5491 8114
Email: info@margra.com.au

Ph: 0438 989 188
info@ncplumbgas.com.au

"Your Local Plumber"

St. Mary's AGED CARE

Home Service

Home help for seniors
Cleaning, transport, shopping,
Government funded for those eligible.

Ph: 5492 4019

PELICAN MOTORS



Friendly family run business
Call in for all your car
maintenance needs
17 Bronwyn St, Caloundra

Ash Wright Loan Market

Home Loan Broker
0450 658 270

ash.wright@loanmarket.com.au

Call for a free home loan review or
for your next home purchase.

loan market We are here to help

Statpack.com.au

Shop 2-13 Commercial Ctr
385 Sherwood Rd. Rocklea
Ph 1800623069

Meeting the needs of schools,
p&f associations, Tuckshops,
charities, social
organisations, business, & the
general public. With recyclable,
reusable, compostable
Packaging.

35 years on the Sunshine Coast, manufacturers of kitchen, vanity, bar tops domestic and commercial, shopfitting. Direct importers of granite, marble and semi-precious stones. Processing reconstituted stone. Please call.

7 Industrial Ave, Caloundra West
Ph: 07 5491 9035
Fax: 07 5491 8114
Email: info@margra.com.au



Every person matters

Retirement Living

Home Care

Residential Aged Care

Geoff Lyons SOLICITORS PTY LTD

Geoff Lyons, Joe Lyons,
Andrew Stephenson and Karen Carpenter
CALOUNDRA Ph. 5491 2422

57 Village Way,
Little Mountain

sccqld.com.au
1800 899 300



SPICE LAND

3, Burns Street, Buddina
(Near Kawana Shopping World)

Ph: 53263716

Mob: 0411 422 694

Indian, Asian,
Filipino,
African Groceries



Books - Vinyl - CD's
Collectables
0429 813 903

Think you don't count! In our
team everybody counts.
Join our Vinnies team!
Talk or text Ron 0419 791 164



Martin McManus: Your Local Handy Man

Call 0410 345 514 for Your
Free Quote

• Maintenance • Carpentry • Home and Commercial • More!!!