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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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We have had a week of rain and dampness which has caused flooding in many parts of Queensland. While the rain is certainly welcome in some parts of the state, too much of a good thing can cause great damage. However, today's gospel wants to take us to a very different place – **the desert!**

You see, the desert is the place where we learn what is important and what is not. It is the place where we realize what we need and what we don't need. It was the desert that gave the Jewish people their character. It was there, wandering through the barren wilderness for 40 years, that they discovered what really matters. **Love for God and love for each other!**

It is from the desert, that barren wilderness, that the voice of John the Baptist comes in today's gospel. He is simply but powerfully reinforcing the experience of the Jewish people. No matter what is going on in our lives, ultimately there are only two things that matter. In the desert, who cares how much money you have, there is nothing to buy. In the desert, no matter how many computers and gadgets we own, there is no place to plug them in. No matter how much we are attached to our smart phone, in the desert there is no reception. In the desert there are no parties, no shopping, no washing to be done or dinners to prepare. In the desert only two things matter: **our love for God, and our love for one another.**

Now, most of us have had desert experiences, often without being able to put words around them. The unexpected medical diagnoses suddenly transforms our world and we swiftly realize that now is the time to trust in God and trust in the love and support of family and friends. The loss of a loved one brutally brings home the truth that relationships are more important than accomplishments. A friendship broken by misunderstanding or hurt powerfully highlights the value and importance of friendships that endure.

The voice of John the Baptist that we hear today is challenging each one of us this Advent to make straight the path that leads to God. Don't get washed away in a flood of tinsel and triviality. Don't let the chaos and distractions of the Christmas season lead you off onto winding ways and rough roads. Instead, try to hear the voice of John the Baptist, calling from the desert, reminding you that this Christmas there are only two things that really matter: **love for God and love for each other!**

Wishing you and yours every blessing for the coming week,

Fr Peter Brannelly



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 4/5 DECEMBER 2021

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 **Second Reading:** Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 **Gospel:** Lk 3:1-6

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

This weekend across our Parish Family we will hold our annual **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**. The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia has more than 60,000 members and volunteers who work hard to assist people in need and combat social injustice across Australia. The Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering "a hand up" to people in need. The members of Vinnies do this by respecting the dignity of those who call upon Vinnies for assistance, providing hope and encouraging each person to take control of their own destiny. Here in Our Lady of the Rosary Parish we have conferences at Caloundra, Landsborough, Beerwah, Kawana & Maleny. **For many in our community the members of Vinnies are the face of the Church and practical faith in action.**

There are envelopes on your seats and at the entrance to the Church. As always, your generous support of the St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal is appreciated. Thank you.

Taizé

OLR this Tuesday 7th December at 7pm or at Sacred Heart Church, Maleny 7pm

Our parish is offering a special evening of quiet prayer in the style of Taizé. All are invited.

Short mantra-like songs create a relaxing feeling that refreshes us in body, mind and spirit. Through gentle repetition, the meaning of the words gradually penetrate our whole being. In song and silence we listen more deeply.

These simple chants allow us to *wait attentively* on God.

Such prayer is very much in the spirit of the Advent Scriptures.

Have you noticed our symbol that keeps appearing on our screens during Advent? Our symbol on the screen for this Advent tells us that the mother and child can only be seen in the stained-glass window because of the light shining through. Advent can make us more transparent if we resist the urge to obscure the light by cluttering our days with the blur of non-essentials as we approach Christmas.

Likewise, our Advent wreath with its candles will gradually shed more and more light for us - and through us to others - on our way to Bethlehem.



You Are Invited

On this Wednesday, December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, you are warmly invited to spend some time in adoration at Our Lady of the Rosary church. Adoration will begin at 9am and conclude with Benediction at 4:30pm followed by Mass. Why not mark off an hour of your day on Wednesday and join us in prayer at OLR.

Thank
You

I would like to say a huge thank you to the parish over the last two weekends, the financial support to help me offer one year of my life to NET Ministries.

You are truly amazing!

Thank you all for supporting me on this journey,
God bless, Verity

The Catholic Leader

The December edition of *The Catholic Leader* is available in the church. Limited copies are available at each community and the cost is **only \$4 each**.

WATCH MASS LIVE

To watch live-stream Mass go to the Caloundra Catholic Parish Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/caloundracatholicparish/>



Kawana and Caloundra Men's Group

At the end of a successful year, the Kawana and Caloundra Men's Groups gathered together for an Advent luncheon at the King's Beach Tavern.

John Manion, who coordinates both groups, spoke about the fruit of the ministry: men of God who pray!

This ministry was born out of a regular parishioner's desire to gather men together for fellowship, learning about faith and prayer.

Thank you to John and the men of Kawana and Caloundra Men's Groups for your witness and willingness to invest in your faith and each other.

Caution

Every so often, the latest being last week, parishioners receive emails purporting to come from one of your parish priests. With great ingenuity fraudsters personalize the email and ask for assistance and for you to reply to the email. **Don't reply, it is a fraudulent email.** Your priests will never email you using a Hotmail or Gmail account nor will we ever solicit money from you.

In Transition

As a parish family we welcome *Florence Hoffmann* who will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.

We pray for *Mary Punter* who died last week and her funeral will be on Tuesday at OLR.

We also pray for *Nic Cersosimo* who died last week and his funeral will be on the 21st December. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

Parish Diary

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we celebrate our Eucharist.

Monday 6 Dec

St Nicholas, bishop

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 7 Dec

St Ambrose, bishop

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 8 Dec

The Immaculate Conception

Adoration (OLR) 9am-4.30pm

Benediction (OLR) 4.30pm

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 9 Dec

St Juan Diego

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9am

Friday 10 Dec

Our Lady of Loreto

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 11 Dec

St Damasus

Confession (OLR) 8.30am

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 12 Dec

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass (OLR) 6.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 7am

Mass (Unity) 8am

Mass (Kawana) 8am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.15am

Mass (OLR) 9.30am

Mass (Lt Mt) 10.30am

Family Mass (Unity) 5pm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 5 Dec: *Second Sunday of Advent*

- ◆ Opening of Maleny Sacred Heart time capsule and morning tea in Pat Daley Centre after Mass.
- ◆ Please join us for a cuppa after the 8am Unity Mass, bring a plate to share.
- ◆ Please stay and join us for a cuppa after the OLR 9.30am Mass.

Monday 6 Dec:

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.
- ◆ The Prayer for Priests prayer group meets after the 9am morning Mass - all welcome.
- ◆ The OLR craft group meet every Monday 9am-12noon in the Parish Centre. For more information please contact Helen McGlynn on 0409 050 722.
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group gathers to praise God and to give thanks for all God's blessings, every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714

Tuesday 7 Dec:

- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group every Tuesday in the Parish Centre. from 9.30-10.45am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409 897 673.
- ◆ The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Caloundra Pastoral Centre weekly beginning at 8:30am - all welcome.
- ◆ Maleny Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8.30am, Mass 9.00am, Rosary 9.30am after Mass.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies Group Luncheon. Car pooling at church at 11.30am for lunch at 12 noon at The Orangery.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.
- ◆ Taize at OLR & Maleny 7pm, see notice on opposite page.

Wednesday 8 Dec:

- ◆ Adoration OLR Church 9-4.30pm, benediction 4.30pm Mass at 5pm.
- ◆ Maleny Cards 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Thursday 9 Dec:

- ◆ Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St Vincent De Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9.30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402

Friday 10 Dec:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession available while adoration is on.
- ◆ Spirituality Group meets in the OLR Parish Centre 9.45am-12noon every 2nd Friday of the month.

Saturday 11 Dec:

- ◆ Individual Reconciliation 8.30am in the OLR Church.

On Thursday, November 25th, Mrs Ingrid O'Shea, the Chair of the **Catholic Homes Foundation** tabled her report for the year.

I am pleased to present the Chairperson's report of the Caloundra Catholic Homes Foundation Limited for the 2020/2021 Financial Year. The Caloundra Catholic Homes Foundation was established 32 years ago to support persons with a disability. Through the generous support of our benefactors over the years and currently, we have been able to help many in need. We have two homes - Lavally Lodge and Karingal.

At Lavally Lodge we continue to work with Centacare who provide care/support for our residents. We continue to maintain the Foundation's property. During the year we have had the interior repainted and have carried out extra maintenance of the grounds and gardens. We have also been able to support initiatives to enhance the lifestyle of our residents.

Karingal, now called Caloundra House, has been leased to an external provider for 3 years with an option to buy. Over 25 residents have taken up accommodation at Caloundra House. The lessees continue to expand their services to provide for those in need together with a number of help agencies who provide support to the residents.

We have provided funds to the parish to install a disability toilet and will contribute to the installation of a ramp access. At this time of the year, we are once again providing funds to support all five of the parish based St Vincent de Paul services, Rosies and Orange Sky Laundry.

We are thankful for the support we have received this year and are proud of the way in which the Homes Foundation has been able to support our people. In the coming year, we look forward to providing broader support in accordance with our constitution.

A huge thank you to Don Rolls, Secretary/Manager and to my fellow Directors/Members for your dedication to our task.

God bless,

Ingrid O'Shea, Chairperson

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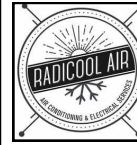


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