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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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On Wednesday morning this week I was sitting down at Kings Beach spending some super-charged – read: caffeine-infused – time in prayer with our Lord. One of the things I find life-giving in my morning prayer-time is being out *in* the world. Watching people go about their daily lives as I pray keeps my dialogue with God grounded in the reality of life. This *external* nature of prayer doesn't mean that I neglect the *internal* journey ever person must take to encounter our loving God, but it does help me to go outside of myself and remain focused on Jesus' *first* commandment: to love God and our neighbour (cf. Mk 12:30-31). (Just as an aside, St Teresa of Avila's spiritual classic, *The Interior Castle* is a wonderful book to help us make the necessary *interior* journey).

As I sat at the edge of the sand praying, one of the morning regulars at Kings Beach – who just happens to be a parishioner, let's call him Fred – walked by and we ended up having this wonderful life-giving conversation about the struggle to hear/experience God in everyday life. This is a topic I'm fascinated about because while I stand at the ambo preaching about how God speaks to us through the readings at Mass week in-week out, dialogue with God – or rather that availability of such dialogue/experience – also happens in the ordinary moments of life if/when we have ears to hear.

One of the great privileges I have during school term time is celebrating a primary school class liturgy every week at Unity College Chapel. No matter whether it's with Prep students or a Year Six class, there's a line I begin with every time we gather: "We're here to listen to God speak to us and while we're really good at listening with *these ears* in the classroom (pointing to my physical ears), we're here today to listen with *these ears* (pointing to my heart). Quite wonderfully, when the younger children hear this for the first time, one or two inevitably chime in with, "That's not my ears, that's my heart." On Wednesday morning at the beach this week with Fred, I *heard* his desire to know and experience God in a deeply intimate way; I also *heard* God's desire to be known and loved by Fred.

Friends, in the Gospel for today, three times we hear the question of different people who've been captivated by John the Baptist's preaching: "What must we do?" (Luke 3:10-18); it's a question which each of us must make in our own prayer but it's also a question which opens us up to the bigger questions of life: what's my purpose/why am I here? The answer to all such questions is inevitably quite simple: to know and love God.

Back to Fred. Fred is in his late 60's/early 70's and a life-long Catholic, but while he attends Mass every week, prays faithfully and pours himself out in Christian service to his family, he hasn't yet experienced the intimate, life-changing encounter with God that he desires and which you hear me preaching about so often – why is this? Firstly, I think it's a generational thing. Priests of yester-year didn't always preach about intimacy with God but fire and brimstone. I certainly wouldn't be pre-disposed to seeking that intimate encounter if my image of God was someone out of reach or someone who seemed distant. Second, and because of this, many of us are not used to talking with God as an intimate, close friend. I remember the first time I wanted to say to Jesus our loud, "I love you." I felt awkward and out of place even whispering the words, but over time it got easier to the point that it's now the most normal and regular act of intimacy – another way of describing this would be *devotional act* – in my spiritual practice. I strongly encourage you to give it a go and see how it feels.

No matter our age, background, or progress in the spiritual life, asking the question in prayer, "What must I/we do?" is a fundamental aspect of being in relationship with God. It opens up the way to a mutually enriching intimacy with Jesus who knows each one of us intimately and desires to be known intimately by each one of us. I wish you every blessing this week as you offer up the sacrifice of your time and perseverance in the spiritual life to God.

Fr Josh



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 11/12 DECEMBER 2021

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Zeph 3:14-18 Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7 Gospel: Lk 3:10-18

A Warm Welcome

to everyone joining us today! Whether you are traveling from across the street, up the Bruce Highway or roving around the country, thank you for choosing to be part of our celebration today as we look forward to Christmas and the Birth of the Christ Child – we are glad you are part of our celebration today.

Why not make sure that Reconciliation is part of your Christmas preparations this year?

There are plenty of opportunities across our diverse Parish family to incorporate reconciliation into our Advent journey. **Next Saturday morning at 9am** we will celebrate our Advent Rite of Reconciliation beginning at 9am at Our Lady of the Rosary – everyone welcome. Additionally, individual confessions will be available at Beerwah on next Saturday, December 18th at 4:30pm, Landsborough on Friday, December 17th at 8:30am and at Maleny on Tuesday morning, December 21st at 8:30am.



Twenty-five years can slip by in a flash! On the **15/12/1996** Fr John Dobson and the parishioners of Sacred Heart celebrated the completion of an ambitious renovation project under the Maleny church by **entombing a time capsule**. Returning parishioners joined with parishioners who were there on the day to reveal the contents of the time capsule last Sunday. When opened, the capsule contained newspaper articles, photos, coins and other documents. It is always a great privilege to be part of the celebrations that place a time capsule, because it marks the successful completion of a project. It is a greater privilege to be at the opening of a time capsule because it is a powerful reminder



of the generosity, sacrifices and vision of those who have gone before us and handed on so much to us.

1996 - Ray Daley, son of land donor for the church speaking at the blessing, Frs John Dwyer, Dobson, Pat McGrath



Progress

During the week part of the covered walkway was removed for safety reasons and in preparation for the construction early next year of the covered gathering area. The first phase of the concreting was completed on Friday. The next phase will include concreting the walkway adjacent to the disabled toilet.

Your continued generous support of the Parish is making this project possible – thank you.

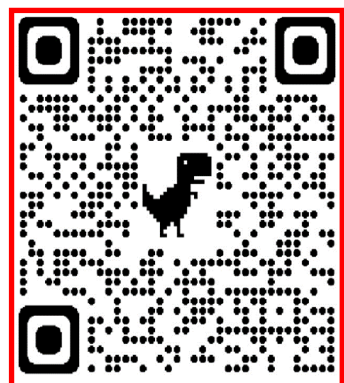


Next Sunday evening at Our Lady of the Way church, Landsborough, all parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join the local community for an hour of **Christmas carols**. Beginning at 5pm, It is an excellent way of celebrating this time leading up to the birth of the Christ Child and reminding ourselves of what we are celebrating in two weeks time.

All welcome.



Your generosity to the Parish is very much appreciated and our Parish mission of witnessing to the Good News takes place through your continued support – **thank you**. During these Covid times, so much of our parish routine has been disrupted and we have all had to adapt and find new ways of being part of a faith community. This is especially true of how we financially support the parish. For some the direct debit option works well, others utilize the collection baskets or drum at the entrance to the church, still others, especially visitors, find the QR code the most convenient way of contributing to the mission and ministry of the Parish. However you decide to financially support the different communities of Our Lady of the Rosary, a grateful parish says **thank you!**



Parish Diary

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

Monday 13 Dec

St Lucy

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 14 Dec

St John of the Cross

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 15 Dec

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 16 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 17 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

1st Rite Reconciliation

(Lands) 8.30am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 18 Dec

2nd Rite of Reconciliation (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation

(Beerwah) 4.30pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 19 Dec

Fourth 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



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Thank You

The St Vincent de Paul conferences would like to thank the local community for their generous support with our annual Christmas Appeal. Your donations enable us to bring some Christmas joy to those doing it tough. The appeal envelopes can still be placed in the church collection boxes. God Bless.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 12 Dec: *Third Sunday of Advent*

- ♦ Maleny Advent Reflection Group 10.15am after Mass in Pat Daley Centre.

Monday 13 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 have finished for the year and will recommence the 7th February 2022. For more information please contact Helen McGlynn on 0409 050 722.

Tuesday 14 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.
- ♦ 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.

Wednesday 15 Dec:

- ♦ Young Adults Group meet at the Parish Centre 6pm each Wednesday.

Thursday 16 Dec:

- ♦ No Thursday Unity mass during the school holidays.

Friday 17 Dec:

- ♦ Landsborough -1st Rite Reconciliation 8.30am, Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday 18 Dec:

- ♦ 2nd Rite of Reconciliation (OLR) 9am
- ♦ 1st Rite of Reconciliation (Beerwah) 4.30pm

Sunday 19 Dec: *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

- ♦ Maleny Advent Reflection Group 10.15am after Mass in Pat Daley Centre.
- ♦ A Carols night will be held in Our Lady of the Way Church, Landsborough on Sunday 19th December from 5.00pm to 6.30 pm. Everyone welcome to come along with family and friends to join this special festive occasion.

Did you know that each day, except Wednesday, we live stream our daily Mass from Our Lady of the Rosary? To be part of the daily Mass simply go to the Caloundra Parish Facebook page or our website.
<https://caloundracatholicparish.net>

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.

Christmas Eve, Friday December 24



Our Lady of the Rosary School, Caloundra (Undercover area) (Carols at 3.50pm) 4pm

Caloundra West, Unity College (Carols at 4.50pm) 5pm

Mary McKillop, Beerwah 5pm

Sacred Heart, Maleny (Carols at 6.30pm) 7pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 6.50pm) 7pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra (Carols at 9.50pm) 10pm

Christmas Day Saturday December 25



Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra 6.30am 9.30am

Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough 7.00am

Good Shepherd, Kawana 8.00am

Bl Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi 9.15am

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain 10.30am

Boxing Day, Sunday December 26



OLR, Caloundra 6.30am 9.30am

OLW, Landsborough 7.00am

Good Shepherd, Kawana 8.00am

Unity College 8.00am

Sacred Heart, Maleny 9.00am

Currimundi 9.15am

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain 10.30am

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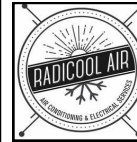


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