

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Parish

Embracing the faith communities of Beerwah, Caloundra, Currimundi, Kawana, Landsborough, Little Mountain, Maleny and Unity at Caloundra West.

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Greetings to All

Fr Peter has announced to all of you a couple of weeks ago, that after Christmas will be my last week of my ministry at this lovely parish of Caloundra. What a truly blessed year. It hardly seems possible that a year ago I arrived at the parish and yet here I am, all packed up and ready to move again for a new mission.

Today, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for the privilege of being a part of this wonderful parish family. In so many ways, you have affirmed the gift of my priesthood vocation and also taught me what it means to be a priest.

My spiritual director once advised me that **“the first three years of your priesthood is a honeymoon, all care but no responsibility, so enjoy as much as you can”**. I am certain that I have had an incredible third year of my “priesthood honeymoon” here at the parish of Caloundra. I experienced so much love and joy, especially the way in which the people of this parish have embraced me. It has been so wonderful.

Perhaps this is why I have experienced some challenges in saying good-bye. Especially, in the last few weeks it was like being on an emotional roller coaster, sometimes overwhelmed by these feelings.

However, as it often appears in the Scriptures, there is the word **BUT**. In the midst of the mixed feelings of leaving, **BUT** the one thing has remained constant in my heart is an awareness of a deep gratitude to God and to all of you. I have come to know so many wonderful people in this parish who have an incredible faith. There is so much that I have learned.

Therefore, I am grateful for your faith, your kindness, your generosity, your laughter and hugs... I am thankful for many relationships that I have formed in this parish and for the many ways the people of this parish have helped me to grow in my relationship with God. I thank God for the year I have been here.

I would like to express my gratitude to Fr Peter, Fr Joseph, Fr Josh, all the retired bishop and priests, Parish staff – Vicki, Eileen, Dawn, Don, Dale & Edgar for your support and friendship throughout this year.

Especially, my special thanks is to Fr Peter. Through your mentorship, you have had good answers and solutions for everything that needed to be addressed. I have learned things that would never have crossed my mind through your guidance, and I would like to thank you for the difference you have made in my ministry.

Leaving and change are emotional no matter who we are. My heart is truly filled with sadness to say good bye, **BUT** it also embarks an excitement with a new journey ahead of me at Jubilee. I hope that you remember me in your prayers and I will do likewise.

I would like to borrow the words of St. Paul to the Philippians to close my words of farewell to all of you.

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

See ya, Fr Dang

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 18/19 DECEMBER 2021

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4 Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10 Gospel: Lk 1:39-44



A New Priest

As Fr Dang prepares to leave us for his new mission at the large city fringe Jubilee Parish we welcome to the Archdiocese and to our diverse, Our Lady of the Rosary parish, **Fr Ejikeme Valentine Ntamaka**. Fr Ejikeme was to be here earlier but his arrival to our Archdiocese had been delayed because of the Covid travel restrictions. Fr Ejikeme is 38 years old, and was ordained in July 2015. Since ordination, he has worked in parish ministry as Associate Pastor at Holy Cross parish, Olokoro Umuahia, Nigeria and Parish Priest of St Peter's parish, Umuako Nsirimo, also Nigeria.

As Fr Ejikeme settles in and slowly discovers where everything is in our community please introduce yourself to him. Like all our priests, Fr Ejikeme eats everything!!!!

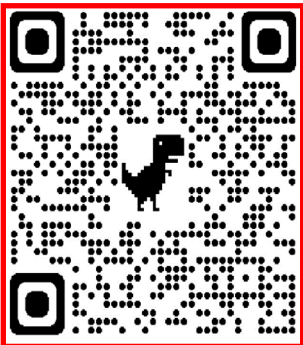
*As the old year slips into history and we look forward to the New Year with all its possibilities and challenges we reflect fondly on those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Especially we remember our deceased priests and religious who have ministered to us over the years. As a Parish Family we remember our second Parish Priest, **Fr John Dobson**, whose third anniversary was marked on Saturday, December 18th. May Dobbo's soul, and the souls of all our departed brothers and sisters, through the rich mercy of God, rest in Peace.*



Progress

It has taken us a while but at last we can see progress! Earlier in the year the pavers were removed and last week the first stage of the proposed gathering area was concreted. The next stage will hopefully commence early in the New Year when the covered walkway leading from the presbytery to the school will be replaced and the uneven pavers will be removed. A new concrete path will then be installed ensuring the disabled toilet, that was built earlier in the year, is accessible to all parishioners.

Thank you once again for your generous support of the parish that makes this project possible.



Your generosity to the Parish week in, week out, is very much appreciated and our Parish mission of witnessing to the Good News takes place through your continued support – **thank you**. The disruption caused by Covid has changed so many aspects of our lives and daily routine and we have all had to adapt and discover new ways of doing old things!

This is especially true of how we financially support the parish. For some the direct debit option works well, others have utilized the QR code or the drum at the entrance to the OLR church or the collection plates at our other communities.

However you decide to financially support the different communities of Our Lady of the Rosary, a grateful parish says **thank you!**



PHILIPPINES NATIVITY PAINTING

Federico Dominguez (Filipino, 1953-), from the "Yang ya Utaw si Mangaob" (When Mangaob Was Born) series.



Our Christmas Tree

which stands at the entrance of OLR church is beautifully decorated by our local craft group who meet each week in the Parish Centre.



Well done and thank you team.



In Transition

As a parish family we welcome *Cruz Sage, Evie Sage, Liam Delamont & Zara Blunck* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

We also pray for **Nick Cersosimo** whose funeral will be this Tuesday at OLR. May his soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners **Rest in Peace.**

To take advantage of the post Christmas period and to allow our administrative staff some of their annual leave, the Parish Office will be closed from

24th December, 12noon until 9am, 10th of January 2022.

In case of a pastoral emergency you can always contact a priest through the parish emergency phone 0431099854.

Over the next two weeks please note the changes to our weekday masses.

Parish Diary

Monday 20 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 21 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

1st Rite Reconciliation (Maleny) 8.30am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 22 Dec

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 23 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 24 Dec **Christmas Eve**

Mass 4pm (OLR school Undercover Area)

Mass 5pm (Unity College Auditorium)

Mass 5pm (Beerwah)

Carols 6.30pm Mass 7pm (Maleny)

Mass 7pm (OLR) (*Livestream*)

Mass 10pm (OLR)

Saturday 25 Dec **Christmas Day**

Mass 6.30am (OLR)

Mass 7am (Landsborough)

Mass 8am (Kawana)

Mass 9:15am (Currimundi)

Mass 9:30am (OLR) (*Livestream*)

Mass 10:30am (Little Mountain)

NO 5pm Vigil Masses

Sunday 26 Dec

The Holy Family

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

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this sacred land.

Open to the Spirit who has ever been present here, we resolve to continue to appreciate its beauty, to be wise stewards of its resources, and to honour the connection the traditional owners have with the land.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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 6.30pm. Everyone welcome to come along with family and friends to join this special festive occasion.

Monday 20 Dec:

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.
- ◆ The Prayer for Priests prayer group meets after the 9am morning Mass, all welcome.

Tuesday 21 Dec:

- ◆ The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Caloundra Pastoral Centre weekly beginning at 8:30am - all welcome. This is the last one for the year, restarts 11/1/2022.
- ◆ Individual Confessions at 8.30am at Sacred Heart Maleny
- ◆ 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 22 Dec:

- ◆ Maleny cards 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre
- ◆ Young Adults Group meet at the Parish Centre 6pm each Wednesday.

Thursday 23 Dec:

- ◆ No Thursday Unity Mass during the school holidays.

Friday 24 Dec: Christmas Eve

- ◆ See Mass times in Parish Diary list.

Saturday 25 Dec: Christmas Day

- ◆ See Mass times in Parish Diary list.

Sunday 26 Dec: The Holy Family

- ◆ Mass times as normal.

The Christmas rosters for

the OLR Masses are filling up.
But we are still in need of some liturgical ministers. If you know which Mass you will be attending and could volunteer please mark your name on the roster at the front doors of the church.
Thank you in advance.

For all those who are coming to the 4pm Mass at OLR Christmas Eve, could you please **bring a chair**.

We will have some available but may not have enough for everyone. Don't forget you will need to QR code in at all our Masses.



Financing Flowers in Maleny

So we can purchase flowers for special feast days the Maleny community is taking advantage of the "Containers for Change" initiative. Bottles and cans are collected at the church entrance each Sunday and taken to our local collection point. Flowers are also donated by community members and are cut from the gardens around the church. The donations allow us to accumulate funds which can be used to buy fresh flowers to decorate the church for special occasions. We see it as a win, win. Caring for our world and caring for God's house and a big thank you to all those people of our community who support us with donations of recyclable bottles and cans. Chris & Moya.



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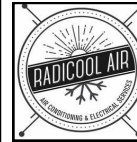


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