

Caloundra Catholic Parish

EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:

St Mary MacKillop, Beerwah ~ Our Lady of the Rosary, Caloundra ~ Unity College, Caloundra South ~
Bl Frederic Ozanam, Currimundi ~ Good Shepherd, Kawana ~ Our Lady of the Way, Landsborough ~
Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Little Mountain ~ Sacred Heart, Maleny ~ and beyond.

CHRISTMAS DAY — 25TH DECEMBER 2021

Proper of the Mass First reading: Is 9:1-7 Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14 Gospel: Lk 2:1-14

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OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

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Merry Christmas!

Whoever you are, where ever you're from, **welcome** to this celebration of Christmas. I'd like to really emphasise the **welcome** you are being offered for two reasons: first, one of Jesus' primary values was welcoming people no matter their religiosity, social or political status. Being welcoming is, therefore, one of our primary values as a parish and something we seek to grow in and cultivate at every opportunity. Second, Catholic communities can sometimes be perceived as exclusive clubs for those who attend Mass on Sundays. This perception is an unfortunate cultural relic from 20th century when everyone came to Mass because it was the done thing; for most of us, this would've been our parents but we live in a different world today. Welcoming everyone, no matter who they are or where they're from is, therefore, more important now than it has ever been – so I say **welcome**.

There's something magical about Christmas isn't there? **The magic of Christmas** is one way of thinking about or describing the grace and joy which belongs to God and which we're given as gifts of love. If we're lucky enough to wake up with children in the house, this **magic** is amplified by the excitement of opening presents. I remember waking up on Christmas morning as a child – probably waaay too early – and groping in the darkness for the pillowcase at the end of my bed stuffed with presents. Looking back at those childhood memories, I had no capacity to realise that the gifts were mere representations of my parents' – and God's – love for me, but that's what they are aren't they?

We purchase or make gifts for those we love as concrete ways of displaying our love – and God does the same with his Son. Jesus is the supreme representation of God's love for every person in the world. That God would come into our world as a helpless baby says something about the precious nature of the gift and invites our contemplation into the mysterious realm of what God is like. While many elderly people grew up with fire-and-brimstone images of God, the helpless child Jesus – who even needed his nappies changed by his family – refocuses our attention on the true nature of God: gentle, unconditional love.

For many people however, Christmas is a time of isolation and loneliness. Remembering those for whom the Christmas season is difficult causes us to stand in solidarity with them. We're more alert for the ways that we can be the hands and feet of Jesus (Matthew 25:40), who came as a light to shine in this dark world, so that all who put their trust in him will no longer remain in the dark (John 12:46).

Finally, thank you for being part of this Christmas celebration. When we gather together, we become an even greater sign and symbol of what we truly are: the Body of Christ. Jesus is our Head and we are the many parts who, together, form the Body. Please know that whoever you are, where ever you are from, you are **welcome** here in the Caloundra Catholic community.

With every Christmas blessing
Fr Josh Whitehead



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

Parish Diary

Monday 27 Dec

St John

Mass (OLR) NO MASS

Tuesday 28 Dec

The Holy Innocents

Mass (OLR) NO MASS

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 29 Dec

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 30 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 31 Dec

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 1 Jan 2021

New Years Day

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 2 Jan

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

Mass (Unity) 5pm

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY MORNING AT

OLR CHURCH 8.30AM

WATCH MASS LIVE

To watch live-stream Mass go to the Caloundra Catholic Parish Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/caloundracatholicparish/>

No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, thank you for joining us this Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, all are welcome....and All means ALL! May the peace and hope of what we celebrate together touch your life and the lives of those who are part of your journey!

Best wishes to everyone for a happy, holy and safe Christmas 2021.

Looking forward to 2022 with prayers and hope for a peaceful world which is safe from the pandemic.



Aura Catholic Community



Did you know that we are creating a vibrant Catholic community in the city of Aura? Our booming population offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to leave behind aspects of old Catholic culture which no longer serve us and create something new which speaks to the needs of people today.

One of the key elements in this opportunity is the opening of a brand new P-12 Catholic school adjacent to Aura Central in January 2024.

Fr Joshua Whitehead (pictured), has been appointed by the Archbishop of Brisbane to coordinate the mission in Aura and he would love to hear from you. Indeed, the most fundamental aspects of the mission right now is creating an up-to-date database of Catholics who already live in Aura. Fr Josh is seeking to begin a regular, inclusive communication with Aura residents which isn't depended on whether someone is a regular Mass-goer or not.

While we can't yet take enrolments for the new school, we will be accepting expressions of interest from January. **Please scan the adjacent QR code** and enter your details for Fr Josh to be in contact with you.

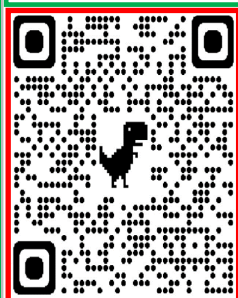
Peace and Christmas blessings.



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 week please note the changes to our weekday Masses.



We have all had to adapt and change during these uncertain Covid days and we have all learnt new ways of doing old things! Your Parish family is no different. The collection plate is just one of many ways of supporting your parish today and during the New Year. Without your support we cannot cover our debts nor can we put into action our Parish pastoral mission and ministry. The QR code adjacent is just one convenient and easy way to financially support the Parish. Whatever way you fulfil your pledge a grateful Parish says – **thank you.**

Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Sacramental Programme – 2022

Our Caloundra and Hinterland Community coordinates a family-centred, Parish-based Sacramental Programme for the Sacraments of Confirmation, First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation. Any Baptised Catholic child who is in Grade 3 or above is eligible to enrol in and celebrate the **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** in term 2. There will be a compulsory Information & Enrolment Night at 5pm on Wednesday, 4th May next year for parents wishing to enrol their children for Confirmation. The programme will run for 4 weeks and then on the 1st of June they will celebrate Confirmation. Any baptised child in Grade 4 or above who has made their Confirmation is eligible to participate in the **First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation** programme – we celebrate these Sacraments in the first school term. Please contact the Parish Office with your details on caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au