

# 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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## **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

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Right on the heels of Christmas, with the fridge full of leftovers, post Christmas sales in full swing and the prawn shells beginning to smell in the wheelie bin we gather today to celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Family*.

I think each one of us can take something away from this feat. Let me tell you a story and I invite you to work out the connection for yourself and the family situation you find yourself in today!

The membership of a once numerous order of monks dwindled over the years, until there was only five monks left in what was once a thriving community. For years, people from the surrounding area had been drawn to the monastery in search of learning and spiritual renewal. Now no one ever seemed to visit the place as the spirit and the inhabitants seemed to be slowly dying.

One day, however, a rabbi happened to visit. When he was about to leave, one of the brothers asked the rabbi if he had any advice on how to revitalize themselves and make the monastery once again a spiritual centre. After a few moments the rabbi replied ***The only thing that I can tell you is that the messiah is one of you!*** Flabbergasted, the monks thought – impossible.

As the weeks passed the monks reflected upon the rabbi's words. ***If the Messiah was among us, who would it be?***

Maybe **Br Timothy** – after all he is the abbot and in his capacity as leader he could be chosen as the Messiah.

It couldn't be **Br Mark** – he is so argumentative, but he is usually right.

What about **Br Pius** – he tends the gardens and feeds the animals – He could possibly nourish a troubled world if he were the Messiah.

Surely it could be **Br Kevin**, he's studious and learned and familiar with all the great spiritual writers.

It couldn't be **Br William** – Certainly the Messiah could not be the person who cleaned the toilets, scrubbed the floors and washed the pots and pans – or could he?

Since the monks could not determine which one was the Messiah they began to treat each one as though they were the Messiah. Moreover, just in case he himself might just be the Messiah, each monk began to treat himself with new respect and to conduct himself with greater dignity.

Within a few short weeks the monastery's occasional visitors were amazed by the love, goodness and revitalized spirit they experienced. They returned again and again and bought new friends along – so people wanted to join them – the experience was that strong.

Imagine the possibilities for growth and renewal if each family were to take to heart the rabbi's words – ***"The Messiah is one of you"***. How much more would spouses love and cherish one another. How much more might parents value their children, teach them and lovingly attend to their needs. How much more might children respect, honour and appreciate their parents – not for their faults and failings but for who they are and what they try to do.

Today the love shared between the Holy Family offers us both a witness and a challenge. To love one another as they did requires us to look beyond the things that annoy us in one another, beyond their failings and limitations to discover the Christ who lives within each one of us.

*Fr Peter Brannelly*

**THE HOLY FAMILY-YEAR C 26 DECEMBER 2021**  
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**First Reading:** 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 **Second Reading:** Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 **Gospel:** Lk 2:41-52

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/>

## 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 leave 2021 behind and look forward to better days in 2022 we still have many things to be grateful for as a Parish Family. Despite the pandemic and the uncertainty, we are blessed with many parishioners and friends who generously gave of their time and talent to keep our Parish motoring along – for this we are eternally grateful. *How many ways can a faith community say thank you to so many people?*

**Sacristans:** Arrive early and set up for the liturgy. They are so efficient we hardly notice them. *And they clean up and close up!* To those who support our sacristans, those who wash and iron, clean and repair, who quietly, behind the scenes, keeping everything ready and working – *Merci*

**Music Ministry:** Where would our liturgy be without music? If it is true that to sing is to pray twice then we particularly thank all our musical volunteers for leading us throughout the year – *Danke*

**Liturgical Ministers:** From those who proclaim the Word of God to those who serve at the Altar of God, we are blessed. Thank you also to all who are commissioned from our Sunday Masses to take Holy Communion to those who cannot be with us to celebrate the Eucharist – you powerfully remind us of how big God's family is! *Xièxiè*

**Church environment decorators:** We don't take for granted the creative artists/decorators who add colour and verve to the ambience of the liturgical space. They wake us up to the different feel and texture of the liturgy as our senses are alerted to the mystery we are about to celebrate. - *Grazie*

**Technology & communication.** Our world has changed because of COVID and we have changed with it. From returning your census forms so as to help create our new Parish data base to our fellow parishioners who have volunteered to do the audio-visual each Sunday or to help with the live streaming of our OLR Masses! – *Gràcias*

**And you:** Who, like St Joseph, quietly support and encourage, who trust enough to build up and not tear down, who are prepared to be part of the great drama of faith and parish life in the midst of COVID – may the blessings of the Christ Child be with you and yours this Christmas. *Thank you.*



Every parent can relate to this weekend's Gospel where Jesus gets lost while visiting the temple. The thought of a child getting lost, no matter their age brings anxiety and stress to every parent! The relief of Mary and Joseph is palpable in this passage even though the 12-year-old Jesus acts surprised about his parents' concern - *typical child*. However, what is most important to glean from this gospel is the fact that upon returning to Nazareth, Jesus *"was obedient to them; and . . . Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favour."*

Their years together proved an important time for growth for the Holy Family. The vocation of parents, grandparents and guardians is both rewarding and challenging.

Perhaps today is a great opportunity to think about the example of the Holy Family and as we start a new year let them inspire our actions and our attitudes within our own family unit.

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.*



## In Transition

We congratulate *Fr Tyrone Deere*, our much valued retired Cairns Priest who is celebrating his 80th birthday today - we wish him many happy returns. As a parish family we welcome *Houston Hinkson* who will be baptised at OLR this weekend. We pray for *Gloria Bracken* who died last week and her funeral will be on Thursday 30th December 11am at OLR. May her soul and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners *Rest in Peace.*