

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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The Epiphany

Most of us have an image of what the Magi, those three mysterious travellers from the east, look like. Our imagination is first ignited in childhood while looking at the crib scene. Then, each year we hear their fascinating story and in our mind we visualize a timetable of how they got to Bethlehem. First, the Magi saw a bright star in the sky and began to follow it. The star guided them unerringly, first to Jerusalem where it disappeared and then to Bethlehem, where they found the child Jesus. Put like this it sounds very simple and straightforward. But if we listen carefully to that story again today we might realize that it is not so simple or straightforward!

Very early on in the story we hear that the magi "saw his star as it rose". It does not say it guided them. The next time the star is mentioned is when they were on the road, as they neared the end of the journey. The text says "there in front of them was the star they had seen rising". From this we can conclude that in between, they travelled in darkness and had to seek and enquire.

Their journey was at times dangerous, exciting and yet monotonous. They encountered difficulties and doubts along the way. Yet in spite of these they persevered in their quest and were rewarded when finally they found Christ.

This is why their story has relevance for us. We are like the magi as we are also on a journey. When we start out on our road of faith, we too are attracted by something bright - an ideal or a vision or a hope.

But this initial star does not necessarily remain forever in our sky. At times it grows dim. Clouds get in the way and deprive us of its light. We get distracted. And, just like the magi, there will be times when we encounter difficulties, doubts and detours.

Sometimes it is natural to think that we are losing our faith when we experience doubt. We must not be surprised when this happens. Perhaps the magi can once again provide us with an example. We must not be too proud to ask for guidance, as I am sure the magi often did. By being persistent and determined, despite the clouds and occasional darkness, we must believe that they will pass and once again we will see the initial star beckoning to us.

Epiphany comes from the Greek word which means, simply **MANIFESTATION**. In the midst of their journey, in the changing circumstances of the magi, God was made manifest. Likewise, in the midst of the changing circumstances that confront us this weekend and along the journey of this New Year

God is making himself manifest.

Just because we lose sight of the star, or the clouds deprive us of its light, does not mean that God in 2022 is not making himself manifest!

Fr Peter Brannelly



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- YEAR C
1/2ND JANUARY 2022

Proper of the Mass

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

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

Parish Diary

Monday 3 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 4 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 5 Jan

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

Thursday 6 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 7 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 8 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 9 Jan

The Baptism 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

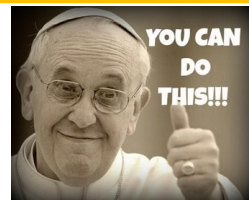
OLR CHURCH 8.30AM

WATCH MASS LIVE

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

A few years ago, a list was compiled from Pope Francis' most popular teachings and quotations to form his most popular New Years' resolutions. Here they are:

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the "more humble" purchase.
5. Meet the poor "in the flesh."
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to "ask the Lord."
10. Be happy.



Members of the our five very active Parish St Vincent de Paul conferences - OLR, Kawana, Landsborough, Maleny and the Vinnies shop, Our Lady of Good Council, on Mayes Avenue, would like to thank all parishioners and friends for supporting this year's Annual Christmas appeal. Your generous support enabled Vinnies to once again reach out to those most in need within our community over Christmas.



Fr Josh blesses the hampers and the Vinnies members who will distribute them at the Vinnies shop on Mayes Ave, Caloundra.

KAWANA BIBLE STUDY

Friends, whenever worshipping Catholics are asked, "What are you looking for in a parish,"

one of the most common responses is formation/learning opportunities.

Starting on Thursday 20th Jan at 8-9.30am for six weeks, there will be a Bible Study on St Paul's letter to the Philippians. John Manion will lead this at the Good Shepherd Centre.

Please register by emailing or texting johnmanion@optusnet.com.au 0416 154 144



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.**



As a parish family we welcome

Asher Bowker

who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

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.