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# **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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## **Introducing our new Priest**

### **Who is Ejikeme Valentine Ntamaka?**

*I cannot write about me or my experience without you.*

*I write because you are here.*

I, Ejikeme Valentine Ntamaka, was born into a Christian family of Mr Bennett and Mrs Evelyn Ntamaka. I came from Ezioime Mbieri, Mbaitolu, Imo State, in Eastern Nigeria. I am the sixth child and the fourth son in the family of seven (four boys and three girls). I lost my Mum last year. We buried her on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2021, two days later, I jumped on a plane to come to Australia, I had no time to mourn her. In the midst of the sadness I received the invitation to come to the Brisbane Archdiocese. I arrived in Australia on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 in company of my brother Priest Fr. Anthony Chijioke Odionyenfe—who has been appointed to Caboolture Parish.

After a long journey from Nigeria, we spent over five hours at the airport, then we were taken straight to quarantine at Pullman's Hotel in Brisbane. The quarantine experience is not something one wishes to undergo twice. I was given a room, no window, no balcony, so lonely - your companion is your phone and television. One day at the quarantine, I opened my door to receive fresh air, within some seconds, I got a call from the Police to close the door or I will be fined \$4000. Immediately, I close the door. The quarantine lasted for 2 weeks. After the quarantine, I went to Aspley, from Aspley to Wilston, from Wilston to Nambour, from Nambour to Coomera. Then, we had a meeting at Childers. Finally, I arrived at Caloundra on 13th December 2021, I was well received by Fr. Peter, Fr. Josh, Fr. Dang and Fr Joseph.

It is true that it is not easy for one to leave his country to a new one, new culture, new people, new food, BUT, since I came to Caloundra, I have seen how lovely the people are. Last Christmas, was my first Christmas outside Nigeria, it was fun. I visited many places for the celebration. Really, there is always an opportunity to learn and develop. I have celebrated Mass at Caloundra, Unity, Little Mountain, Beerwah, Landsborough and Maleny. Kawana and Currimundi, I will be there soon. I have visited Sunshine Coast University Hospital and some Age Care Homes for Pastoral Care of our elderly.

The care and love shown to me by Fr. Peter, Fr. Josh and Fr Joseph is overwhelming. They have been teaching and telling me how to adapt. The little I know about cricket, I got it from them. Many do come to me after Mass to offer to help in many ways, which is lovely. Thank you, ALL. Caloundra has many beautiful places with beautiful people like YOU.

I am coming to you as your brother and pastor in the Lord, who wants to listen, learn from you and lead you all in the ways of Our Lord Jesus Christ; the High Priest. Together, we will journey as pilgrim people sharing wisdom, faith and love of Christ. May the Lord direct our hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ and give us peace at all times. Amen.

**God bless you, all. Fr. Ejikeme.**



## **2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 15/16 JANUARY 2022**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading: Is 62:1-5 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11 Gospel: Jn 2:1-11**

## 2022 Parish Alpha Update

Our parish evangelisation efforts are full steam ahead for 2022, with an exciting calendar of four Alpha programs booked in for the year. We are trying to cater for everyone, and are planning two daytime Alphas and two evening Alphas. Alpha is a 10 week program (including a beautiful Retreat Day) that looks at life, faith and meaning. It involves sharing a meal, watching a film, and participating in a group discussion and is a wonderful way of developing a personal relationship with Jesus.

### The planned 2022 Caloundra Alpha dates are:

Term 1 Monday 31st January 10 am; Retreat 26th March  
Term 2 Tuesday 26th April 6pm; Retreat 18th June  
Term 3 Monday 11th July 10am; Retreat 3rd September  
Term 4. Tuesday 4th October; Retreat 26th November

The fruits of the Alpha program are spreading through our community. A number of small groups have developed from Alpha and are meeting regularly, including both the Kawana and Caloundra Men's Groups; the Women's Faith and Friendship group, the Art Group, the Young Adults group and multiple Bible study groups at both Caloundra and Kawana. We are very grateful to the Alpha 'alumni' who are volunteering to lead all these initiatives. If you would like to participate in any of the small groups please contact us [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com) for more information, or check with the Parish Office. You do not need to have done an Alpha to join the small groups, and they are a great way to find community within our Parish.



We are taking registrations for daytime Alpha starting on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan at 10am in the Parish Centre; please email [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com) We are also very keen to facilitate a hinterland Alpha if the interest is there. If you are interested in either leading or participating in a program at one of our hinterland churches, please contact Jacinta or Trish at [alphaolrcal@gmail.com](mailto:alphaolrcal@gmail.com)

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### **Monday 17 Jan:**

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.
- ◆ The Prayer for Priests prayer group will not be on today Monday 17th Jan.

### **Tuesday 18 Jan:**

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group start back today Tuesday in the ADE from 9.30-10.45am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409 897 673.
- ◆ Save the date 15th February Women's retreat at the OLR church 9.30am-2.30pm

### **Wednesday 19 Jan:**

- ◆ Young Adults Group (now called Kingdom YA) in the Parish Centre from 6pm.

### **Thursday 20 Jan:**

- ◆ Kawana Bible Study 8-9.30am Good Shepherd Centre.

## **KAWANA BIBLE STUDY**

Starting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:johnmanion@optusnet.com.au) 0416 154 144

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

## **Parish Diary**

### **Monday 17 Jan**

*St Anthony*

Mass (OLR) 9am

### **Tuesday 18 Jan**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### **Wednesday 19 Jan**

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### **Thursday 20 Jan**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### **Friday 21 Jan**

*St Agnes*

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### **Saturday 22 Jan**

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### **Sunday 23 Jan**

*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

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Please note there will be **No Ladies lunch in January** due to the COVID situation. We will advise when we are going to book another one in. Any enquiries please contact Deborah on 0410531901.

## **In Transition**

As a parish family we welcome *Noah McPherson & Siena Brady* who were baptised at OLR last week. We also pray for *Gloria Bracken, Gabriele Simpson, Peter Loughnan & Mary Hoare* whose funerals were celebrated over the last two weeks. May their souls and all the souls of our deceased priests, religious and parishioners

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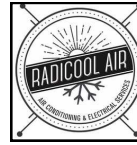


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