

# 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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## **UNITY COLLEGE**

Caloundra South  
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## The Baptism of the Lord

On most weekends each month, we celebrate one or two baptisms at Our Lady of the Rosary church in Caloundra. Baptisms are joy-filled occasions which draw families together to mark (usually an infant's) entry into the family of the God's children. One of the things I personally love about baptisms is being able to turn the serious nature of the occasion down a bit by encouraging families to have fun, laugh at my lame jokes, and take as many photos as they like. More often than not, we're graced with families who don't feel connected with the worshipping community and so on these occasions, it becomes important to offer them an environment which is both welcoming and relaxed.

As we heard in the Gospels leading up to Christmas, baptism/immersing in water was something that John the Baptist performed for people to symbolise an **internal purification** in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. John's ritual washing wasn't something that actually produced repentance but symbolised the change of heart had already taken place in those who stepped forward. Today, water remains the primary symbol of baptism in washing sins away and offering new life. I'd like to draw your attention however, to our Gospel reading for Jesus' baptism because curiously, Luke says nothing about water.

"Now when all the people had been baptised, and while Jesus, after his own baptism, was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'" (Lk 3:21-22). For Luke and his community, the descent of the Holy Spirit was the most important part of Jesus' baptism and represented both his anointing as the Messiah/Christ – the Hebrew and Latin words which mean **saviour** – and the resulting **relationship** between Father and Son. What does The Baptism of the Lord in Luke's Gospel, therefore, mean for each of us – particularly in light of our own baptism?

While we generally talk about Jesus' resurrection as being the Divine action which created a bridge between heaven and earth, the Baptism of the Lord paves the way for our salvation not just *at our death*, but our inclusion in the Kingdom of God in this life through the relationship we cultivate with God by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Just as Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus at his own baptism, Christians, too, at baptism, receive the ability to have a personal relationship with God. We bring this to life in an active way by living in a new way. In a certain sense, the new life we receive at baptism is one of the mysteries of our faith. We can't **see** it but our faith tells us that when we're baptised, we receive the gift of Divine life – a life which empowers us to be in relationship with God. As we celebrate this day, let's honour the new life we've received – or are seeking to receive for those who are not baptised – by offering our prayers of thanksgiving to the God who desire to be known by every person on earth.

May God bless you and your family this holiday season, Fr Josh.

## **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD- YEAR C 8/9TH JANUARY 2022**

### **Proper of the Mass**

**First Reading:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 **Second Reading:** Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
**Gospel:** Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Sunday 9 Jan 2020:

- ◆ Landsborough Community Meeting held after Mass today Sunday 9th January in the Ron Hickey Centre. Everyone welcome to join in and contribute.

### Monday 10 Jan: **Office Open**

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.

### Tuesday 11 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.

### Wednesday 12 Jan:

- ◆ OLR Men's Group today Wed. 12 Jan. 10-11:30am at Parish Centre.
- ◆ Young Adults Group meet at the Parish Centre 6pm each Wednesday.

### Thursday 13 Jan:

- ◆ No Thursday Unity mass during the school holidays.

### Friday 14 Jan:

- ◆ Landsborough - 1st Rite Reconciliation 8.30am, Mass at 9am followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

### Saturday 15 Jan:

- ◆ 1st Rite of Reconciliation (OLR) 8.30am

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

## **Parish Diary**

### Monday 10 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

### Tuesday 11 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Maleny) 9am

### Wednesday 12 Jan

Mass (Lt Mt) 9.30am

### Thursday 13 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

### Friday 14 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

### Saturday 15 Jan

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

### Sunday 16 Jan

*2nd 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

### WATCH MASS LIVE

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

## **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.*



## **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

The first Ladies lunch for the year will be on Friday 21st January at 12 noon at Nicky's Cafe, 65 Pierce Avenue, Little Mountain. If you would like to attend please contact Deborah on 0410531901 by Monday 17th January. All ladies are invited.

As a parish family we welcome

*Siena Brady*

who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.



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.**

