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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.

FORGIVENESS: 'MEA CULPA', 'MEA CULPA', MEA MAXIMA CULPA'

Everybody knows about forgiveness but *how to forgive* is a big question.

So, let's look at biblical history of 'forgiveness' from the Old Testament to the New Testament where Jesus shows us the true meaning of forgiveness. Many Christians seem 'not' to favour the God of the Old Testament. We may understand their attitude because Yahweh did not 'talk' about 'forgiveness' explicitly, but many books and authors like the Book of Numbers, Leviticus, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah and Zechariah did! However, everybody still remembers the familiar words of Psalm 51: *"Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin... Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow."* (51:2,7).

Jesus of the New Covenant has opened our eyes to 'forgiveness' in a new vision from his death bed on Calvary: *"Father, forgive them because they do not know what they are doing."* From that moment millions of his disciples followed this new way of love up until our time. From St. Stephen to the Sudanese saint, Josephine Bakhita, and to our own Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop, their words live forever: *"If I was to meet those slave raiders who abducted me and those who tortured me, I'd kneel down to them and kiss their hands, because, if it had not been for them, I would not have become a Christian or a religious person"* (St Bakhita). *"Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow."* (St Mary MacKillop)

The 'action' of forgiveness calls upon 'non-resistance' instead of 'resistance'. We may remember the gentle words of Jesus at the High Priest's court: *"If I have said anything wrong, tell everyone here what it was. But if I am right in what I have said, why do you hit me?"* (John 18:23)

Truly, when we return evil for evil, then the reign of evil has been extended; when we return good for evil – whatever particular form the 'good' may take in a particular instance in a world where the ideal good is seldom an option – then God's kingdom is advanced. So I could translate the Latin words of the Confiteor in the Mass into this way: *"I'm sorry", "for getting others into trouble": "I'm very sorry".*

So my dear friends, with humble confession we are going to put 'ashes' on our forehead or 'sitting on ashes', as Fr. Ron Roheiser calls, on Ash Wednesday to begin the season of Lent in the coming weeks.

Until then, be good to one another – **Fr. Joseph-Hien**



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 19/20 FEBRUARY 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 **Second Reading:** 1 Cor 15:45-49 **Gospel:** Lk 6:27-38

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Book a front seat!

Br Damien Price is a Christian Brother of the Oceania Province. A native of Proserpine in North Queensland, Br Price has taught for over thirty years in schools throughout Queensland. Over the past twenty years Damien has been involved in working with disadvantaged youth, homeless men and women, refugees and Asylum Seekers. Br Damien has Masters Degrees in Counselling and Pastoral Guidance. Damien's Doctor of Philosophy degree focused on the sense of self that youth grow into as they engage with homeless people over an extended period of time.

Br Damien will lead us in this year's **Parish Lenten Mini Mission**. Following the same format as last year's mission, on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday (March 7-9) beginning at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Rosary Church will be the morning & hopefully twilight session and then at 4:30pm in the afternoon at Sacred Heart, Maleny. Everyone is encouraged to make the Parish Mini Mission part of your Lenten journey this year.

Lent is only two and a half weeks away with Ash Wednesday falling this year on the 2nd of March. An excellent complement to your Lenten journey is the **Little Black Book** which contains daily reflections and meditations. It is published in America and once you see past some of the American themes, it has the potential to be a great companion. The challenge is to find 6 minutes each day during Lent. The daily reflections begin from next Sunday so in preparation for Lent the Little Black Books are available from today. We ask a **gold coin donation** to help cover the costs of the books.



The Episcopal Ordination of Timothy John Norton SVD as Auxiliary Bishop of Brisbane will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Stephen on this Tuesday, February 22nd, at 10.30am. The ordination will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Brisbane webpage. As a parish and an Archdiocese we keep Bishop-elect Tim in our prayers as he prepares for his future ministry amongst us.

There will be no 9am Mass this Tuesday because the priests of the parish will be attending the ordination.

World Day of Prayer Service 2022

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women and men of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

The service this year has been prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, with the theme "I know the plans I have for you".

On the first Friday of March (March 4th) everyone is invited to attend one of the World Day of Prayer services that are taking place across our Parish:

- Our Lady of the Rosary church – 9:30am morning tea followed by the service at 10am
- Anglican Church, Meridian St Bokarina – 9:30am service
- The Mary Mackillop Centre, 160 Peachester Rd Beerwah - 9.30am service
- Maleny Baptist Church, 1247 Landsborough Maleny Rd, Maleny - 9.30am service

Everyone is welcome to attend as we join with members of six other churches in praying for peace and justice in our world.



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Next weekend at some of our Masses at Caloundra and Unity, Marriage Encounter representatives will be presenting some information on how to make a good marriage better. We invite all couples in the area who have experienced a Marriage Encounter weekend to come and share with us after mass. You might also like to watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge's promotional video for Marriage Encounter on this link. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44

Lenten Reflection Program 2022

[We are ordering books on Monday.](#)

This is the last weekend to get your order in for the booklets of Daily Reflections for Lent from the Brisbane Archdiocese. The Lenten Discussion groups have always been a rewarding faith experience for all involved. If you would like to form a group please let us know. If you are interested in being part of a group likewise please contact the parish office by Monday 21st February on 5430 9390 or caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



As a parish family we welcome
Darcy Mulder
who will be baptised at OLR this weekend.

Following on from health department guidelines,
whilst in the Church, please,
Wear a mask! Keep your Distance!
If unwell, please stay at home.



Sacramental program

This weekend over 70 of our young parishioners will begin their journey of preparation to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We keep their parents in our prayers as they "hand on the faith" to their children. We keep our Sacramental Team in our prayers as they guide these families along this journey of faith. We keep the young boys and girls in our prayers, that they may grasp and begin to fathom the invitation to live life to the full that God is offering them. Finally, we pray for ourselves, that we might be a faith community that reinforces faith, inspires commitment and demonstrates the practical mercy and justice that the message of the Good News is built on.

Children's Resources for Lent

Ash Wednesday is coming up very soon, marking the beginning of Lent – that beautiful season of the Church when Catholics prepare for Easter.

Of course, it doesn't matter how old you are, Lent is a time that even our youngest disciples can embrace (though 40 days can feel like a long time to a kid!). That's why Evangelisation Brisbane has created a couple of resources to help the children in parishes and communities enter into the season of Lent.

These include a **Family Lenten Calendar** filled with lots of ways they can pray, fast and give alms in ways that are suited to kids. The second is an activity that invites them to **Grow a Seed for Lent** and tend it throughout the season as a daily reminder that God is helping them to grow also.

The Family Lenten Calendar and the Grow a Seed for Lent activity are both available for free download via the online shop at evangelisationbrisbane.org.au.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 20 Feb:

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.
- ◆ Rite of enrolment at 9.30am OLR Mass

Monday 21 Feb:

- ◆ Adoration after the OLR Mass each Monday - All welcome.
- ◆ Alpha each Monday 10-12noon OLR Parish centre rooms till 4th April.
- ◆ Craft Group every Monday in the Pastoral Centre 9-12noon.
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group gathers to praise God and to give thanks for all God's blessings, every 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month 7-8.30pm in the Parish Centre. Contact Dorothy for details - 0403175714

Tuesday 22 Feb:

- ◆ The Tuesday Club hosts cards in the Caloundra Pastoral Centre weekly beginning at 8:30am - all welcome.
- ◆ NO Mass at Maleny or OLR today.
- ◆ Women's Prayer and Friendship Group meet every Tuesday in the Parish Centre from 9.30-10.45am, all welcome. Enquiries contact Vivienne 0409 897 673.
- ◆ OLR St Vincent de Paul meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the ADE (meeting room behind the church). We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.
- ◆ Sisterhood group in the Parish Centre from 5pm. See notice over page.

Wednesday 23 Feb:

- ◆ Kawana Waters Catholic Women's League meeting will be held today Wednesday, 23rd February, at 11am at The Good Shepherd Centre Kawana.
- ◆ OLR Men's Sharing Group 10am-11:30am in the Parish Centre meeting rooms. 2nd & 4th Wed each month. please call John 0416154144 for details.
- ◆ First Holy Communion Information evening in the OLR Church 5-6pm
- ◆ Parish Finance meeting 3pm & Pastoral meeting 4pm in the Parish office.
- ◆ Young Adults Group meet in the Parish Centre each Wednesday from 6pm.
- ◆ Maleny Cards 6.00pm in the Pat Daley Centre

Thursday 24 Feb:

- ◆ Kawana Men's group is on today Thursday 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.

Friday 25 Feb:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession is available while Adoration is on.

Saturday 26 Feb:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.

Sunday 27 Feb: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 21 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 22 Feb

The Chair of St Peter

Mass (OLR) No Mass

Mass (Maleny) No Mass

Wednesday 23 Feb

St Polycarp

No Mass

Thursday 24 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 25 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 26 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass

Mass (OLR) 5pm

Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 27 Feb

8th 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

Confession

Saturday Morning at

OLR Church 8.30am

WATCH MASS LIVE

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

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All members of the Parish Finance Committee and Evangelization Pastoral Council are reminded of your respective meetings this Wednesday 3pm & 4pm in the Parish office.

A Taste of Taizé

Taizé is a tiny village in France. Since 1940, it has been home to an ecumenical community of Brothers who pray very simply through chant. During wartime, Br Roger established this community as a place of welcome for Jews who were fleeing the Nazis. Taizé has always had a special solidarity with human suffering. Taizé is, in itself, a symbol of hope and reconciliation. The Brothers take special interest in the poor and in youth who flock to Taizé to reflect on their lives and join in the sung prayer. *Join in this beautiful prayer at OLR on Tuesday 15 March at 7pm OR St. George's Anglican Church, 2 Walkers Drive, Maleny on Sunday 6 March at 6.00pm.*

Last Tuesday, 70 women came together from different communities within the Parish to Our Lady of The Rosary to experience a day retreat called "Walking with God."

The day was facilitated by Lisa and Chantale from Evangelisation Brisbane.

These faith filled women shared their personal stories of how they walk daily with our Lord. Their stories were challenging and offered the participants insight into their own faith journeys. Lisa and Chantale spoke of strong women in the Bible including Our Lady. They led the participants in silent prayer time, a group discussion, and personal reflection and included meaningful music to enhance the different sessions. Names and phone numbers were exchanged as new friendships were made among the 70 women. The retreat participants were treated to a sumptuous banquet provided by the Caloundra Women's Prayer and Friendship Group, and which was served by some wonderful men in our parish. The retreat was such an outstanding success that many requests for another retreat were made with a different focus.

This will be held on a Saturday in November so watch this space!

Thank you to the Caloundra Women's Prayer and Friendship Group for taking the initiative and organising such a successful event. If you would like to be part of this group, go to the Community Involvement page on the parish website to find Viv Cooper's contact details. <https://caloundracatholicparish.net/community-involvement/>



Synod on Synodality

Until 27 February 2022, all Catholics are invited to have their say about their experiences of 'synodality' – of walking together as a Church. All submissions received nationally will help the Australian Bishops develop a report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023.

This is not to be confused with the Australian Plenary Council which is running concurrently with the Synod. The Plenary Council focus is on the Church in Australia. The Synod is focussed on the Church globally. Your voice matters, and it could be as simple as getting together with family, friends or fellow parishioners and having a "Coffee Conversation". This short video offers encouragement on how easy it can be to have your say: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrgZN79Kf0> You can make your submission here: [https:// www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch](https://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch)

Kingdom YA

Next Wednesday our young adult group is meeting again in the **OLR Parish Centre from 6pm**. We are sharing in dinner and also delving into Adoration – What is Ado? We will be providing some top tips that may help you make the most of Ado, especially if it is something new to you. Hear from some of our young adults about their personal experiences! All young adults welcome. \$5 for dinner. For more info please contact Felicity, please email kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au

Monthly Adoration – All welcome

Each month our young adults will be offering and facilitating an hour of Adoration for all parishioners. The first Adoration night is **Wednesday 9 March from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in OLR Church**. There will be various prayer opportunities including led music, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Gospel of the day and guided reflection, periods of silence, Benediction, and more. All parishioners are welcome to attend at any point in the hour that suits them, and may come and go as it suits you.

Sisterhood

We are starting a sisterhood group for women aged 18 – 35 that meets regularly. We want to build strong faith-filled friendships that lead us closer to Jesus! On Tuesday 22 February we are getting together for a little social wine, cheese, and paints night from 5pm in the OLR Parish Centre. From here, we will also begin the **Blessed Is She** Lenten Program, designed by other Catholic women for women. We will discuss what this will look like on that night and if there is any interest. All gals are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

If you can't make it but would be interested, please contact Felicity, kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au

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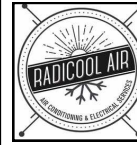
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