

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.



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C WEEKEND OF 26/27 FEBRUARY 2022

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58 Gospel: Lk 6:39-45

A tourist meets a pirate in a country pub. Curious about the pirate's appearance – an artificial leg, a hook, and an eye patch – he asks: **"How did you end up with the peg-leg?"** The pirate replies, **"It was a stormy night, and I fell into shark-infested waters. One shark took my leg off."** **"Oh!"** the tourist gasps. **"That's terrible! And what about your hook?"** **"Well,"** replies the pirate, **"A sword of an enemy cut off my hand. I had to make my arm useful, nonetheless. So, there's the hook."** **"Wow!"** remarks the tourist. **"But how about the eye patch?"** **"An ant bit my eyelid,"** replies the pirate. **"You mean, you lost your eye because of one ant?"** the tourist asked in disbelief. **"Well,"** says the pirate, **"it was just a few hours after my hook was installed."** The pirate, though, has reason to be thankful. He still has one good eye!

"Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?" This is the question posed by Jesus in our Gospel this weekend. To be blind is very unfortunate. But there is something worse than physical blindness. And this is what the Lord is telling us through today's scripture: **"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"**

Many people have perfect and keen eyesight, but that is only when they look for other people's mistakes. But when it comes to their own sins and mistakes, they are blind. It is as if a big wooden beam blocks their eyes.

Welcome as together we now celebrate the 8th Sunday of the Church's year.



Lenten Mini Mission

In the three sessions of our Parish Mission time Br Damien Price will break open 'The Encounter Cycle'. Based upon the work of Fr Henri Nouwen and the invitation of Pope Francis for us to create a culture of encounter 'The Encounter Cycle' provides a simple but powerful roadmap for mission in our day to day lives and for this time. Jesus deeply encountered the people of his day. The first step in true encounter is to come as guest onto the sacred ground of relationships. The guest comes slowly, respectfully, humbly, open and ready to both receive and give. The guest 'honours' the other. The guest sees and senses the innate dignity of the other as a temple of God's Holy Spirit. From this we choose to be deeply present. Our presence is a choice to be totally there for the other. The way we look, the way we speak, touch and listen says beyond words, "You are lovable – you are the totally unconditionally loved son or daughter of God!"

The result of these choices to come as guest and be deeply present will be that our hearts will open in compassion (for the elderly, the refugee, the Indigenous family, those experiencing difficulties in relationships, the Earth itself). Without knowing it we become Christ's hands, eyes, ears and heart for our world. This journey will lead us to experience a profound inner liberation. The sacred journey just described will, like Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, lead us to our 'hill times': our times of prayer and solitude, our times of reflection and Eucharist, our times of nurturing the heart and listening for the Spirit. Finally – from these 'hill

times' we will be missioned just as Jesus was into the market places of our times, into the crowds and there to truly encounter. Like Jesus, we will now speak and have the presence of true heart authority (Mt 7: 29, Mk 1:22).

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 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.

Live Streaming the 9.30am sessions at OLR on Mon, Tue and Wed.

Extra Mini Mission Sessions

For those who are unable to attend the morning sessions at OLR or afternoon sessions at Maleny, join us for **Conversations with Br Damien** in the OLR Parish Centre from 7-8pm on Monday and Tuesday nights – supper provided.

Happiest of Birthday's to Fr Josh for Sunday.

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And It All Begins on Wednesday

This Season of Lent is a time of fasting, almsgiving and consciously making room for God in our busy lives.

Whatever image comes to your mind, with the distribution of ashes this Wednesday we begin another Lenten journey together. Once again there are many opportunities to grasp hold of during these coming 40 days.

FASTING & ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday is one of two days of fasting and abstinence set down by the Church, the other being Good Friday.

In current Catholic practice, Fasting means having only one full meal a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals but no food should be consumed at any other time during the day. The law of fasting applies to those who are 18 to 59 years old.

Abstinence is the practice of abstaining from the use of certain kinds of food. Everyone aged 14 years and older is required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The spirit of the law may invite us to extend the fast to things other than food – tweeting, surfing the net, gambling or gossiping. The minimum fasting requirements make most sense when they are combined with prayer and almsgiving.

The Catholic practice of fasting and almsgiving aims at leading us to interior conversion. We fast in order to share our time and our treasure with an attitude of love towards God and others.

DAILY MASS: Why not incorporate daily Mass into your Lenten journey this year? Each day we have daily Mass opportunities for you to incorporate into your daily Lenten routine.

PARISH MINI MISSION: It is important to make time to reflect on our lives and the direction life is taking us. To help us this year we welcome Brother Damien Price who will lead our Parish Mini Mission. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, March 7th/8th/9th from 9:30am at Caloundra and 4:30pm at Maleny. Don't let this Lenten opportunity slip by!

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS: Available at each church are the Little Black Books, which contain short and appropriate daily reflections which are a tremendous companion throughout the days of Lent. A gold coin donation to cover the cost would be appreciated.

DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT: This Lent why not mark in your diary the Taize prayer opportunity at Caloundra on Tuesday 15th March at 7pm or St. George's Anglican Church, 2 Walkers Drive, Maleny on Sunday 6 March at 6pm.

RECONCILIATION: Forgiveness should be part of everyone's Lenten journey. It is never easy! **Every Saturday at OLR church from 8:30 to 9am.** Our Communal Rite of Reconciliation takes place during Holy Week.

PROJECT COMPASSION: A practical and life giving aspect of Lent has always been our sacrifices and the ability to financially support, through the Project Compassion Appeal, those who have come off second best. Indeed, Project Compassion is something that all individuals and families can be involved in. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the church.

LENTEN PROGRAMME: This year the Lenten Programme is entitled, **"The Spirit and the Cross"**. All those who have been part of the programme in previous Lents have found it a valuable part of their journey – it's not too late to be part of it this year. Contact the Parish office on 5430 9390. If you have ordered the Lenten books please come to the office to collect them.

LENT IS A SOLEMN SEASON: You will notice that together we will pray the *Confiteor* while the *Gloria* is omitted until the great celebrations of Easter.

As a Catholic Parish, as individuals and as families, Lent is an important time. To ensure that the grace of this season, and all the God-given opportunities, do not just slip through our fingers; it is important to think now how this Lent will be different and life transforming.

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to simply find out a bit more of what the Church believes? Struggling to find answers to some of the bigger questions of life? We will soon be beginning a new journey for those who are interested in finding out a bit more of what we believe as Catholics. We are about to start a new programme so if you would like to be involved or would like more information, please contact Fr Ejikeme ntamakae@bne.catholic.net.au or the parish office caloundra@bne.catholic.net.au



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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday 27 Feb:

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.

Monday 28 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.

Tuesday 1 March:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Maleny Catholic Ladies Meeting in Pat Daley Centre at 9.30am for 10.00am start. ALL LADIES WELCOME
- ◆ 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 staff meeting room. We make daily visits to those in need. New members welcome. Phone Dawn 5430 9390 for further enquiries.

Wednesday 2 March: Ash Wednesday

- ◆ Parish Lenten Group starts after the 9am Mass in the Egan room each Wednesday through Lent please contact Bill on 0481847035 for details.
- ◆ First Holy Communion Information evening in the OLR Church 5-6pm.
- ◆ Young Adults Group meet in the Parish Centre each Wednesday from 6pm.

Thursday 3 March:

- ◆ Kawana Men's group is on today Thursday 10-11.30am in the Good Shepherd Centre.
- ◆ Members of Caloundra's Our Lady of Good Counsel Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society meet at the Parish Centre at 9.30am. New members welcome. Further enquiries contact Peter 54924402.
- ◆ Sisterhood (18-35) Lenten program in the Egan room 5-6pm.

Friday 4 March:

- ◆ Landsborough Mass at 9am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession is available while Adoration is on.
- ◆ World Day of Prayer -Maleny Baptist Church, 1247 Landsborough Maleny Rd. Maleny at 9.30am.
- ◆ World Day of Prayer -Our Lady of the Rosary church 9:30am morning tea, service at 10am.
- ◆ World Day of Prayer -Anglican Church, Meridian St Bokarina – 9:30am service.
- ◆ World Day of Prayer -The Mary Mackillop Centre, 160 Peachester Rd Beerwah - 9.30am service.
- ◆ Maleny Lenten group 12.30-2pm in the Pat Daley Centre.

Saturday 5 March:

- ◆ Reconciliation at OLR church 8.30am.
- ◆ Wine & Cheese after the 5pm OLR Mass, all welcome.

Sunday 6 March: 1st Sunday of Lent

- ◆ Kid's Club at OLR 9.30am Mass.
- ◆ First Sunday of the month all welcome for a cuppa after Mass in your community.

Lenten Reflection Program 2022 Maleny

A reflective program called "**Let there be Light**" using the Lenten Gospels and images from art (Van Gogh) will be held on the six Fridays in Lent beginning Friday 4th March in the Pat Daley Centre, beneath the Sacred Heart Church, Maleny from 12.30-2pm. Program material will be provided. All welcome, including those from other churches in the Hinterland. If interested contact Judy Berlak jberlak1@bigpond.com

Parish Lenten Group

OLR's men's group is forming a Lenten group this year. Parishioners are invited to join the group which is open to women, men and married couples. Please Contact Bill Cunningham on email: billwjc48@gmail.com or ring Bill on 0481 847 035 to register for the group. The group will commence on Ash Wednesday 2/03/22 after the 9am Mass and meet each Wednesday during lent (except on 9/03/22 the last day of the parish mini mission) concluding on the Wednesday of Holy Week. The group will meet in the Egan Room of the Parish Centre between 9.30am-10.30am each Wednesday in lent.

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

Parish Diary

Monday 28 Feb

Mass (OLR) 9am

Tuesday 1 Mar

Shrove Tuesday

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Maleny) 9am

Wednesday 2 Mar

Ash Wednesday

7am (OLR)
7am (Landsborough)
7:15am (Kawana)
9am (OLR) (*Livestream*)
9am (Maleny)
9:30am (Little Mountain)
5pm (Beerwah)
6:30pm (OLR)

Thursday 3 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Currimundi) 9.30am

Friday 4 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am
Mass (Landsborough) 9am

Saturday 5 Mar

Mass (OLR) 9am

Vigil Mass
Mass (OLR) 5pm
Mass (Beerwah) 5pm

Sunday 6 Mar

1st Sunday of Lent

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

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

Taizé Prayer

In the monastery at Taizé, short mantra-like songs create a relaxing style of prayer. As the words are repeated, their reality gradually penetrates our whole being. Singing becomes a way of **listening** to God. The simplicity and repetition allow us to wait attentively on God. This is a prayer of 'watching', awakening and listening. It is very much in the spirit of the Lenten Scriptures. *Come and relax 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.*

This is a report from the **Evangelization & Pastoral Council** that held its meeting on Wednesday, February 23rd, at the Caloundra Parish Centre. In attendance were Kristie McManus, Grant Allen, Julie Gerhardt, Mark Downey, Levin Joboy, Jacinta Elks, Jim Robinson, Fr Josh Whitehead, Fr Peter Brannelly with an apology received from Fr Ejikeme Ntamaka. The meeting began with prayer at 4pm.

- Matters discussed included the momentum of the Aura development and our Parish response to the dramatic population increase. The developer, Stockland, has given us access to a disused coffee shop in Baringa to be used as the initial Catholic presence in the development until the new school opens in 2024. Fr Josh reported on making contact with Catholic families in the area and organizing gatherings including BBQ and other functions as a first step in forming a mission-focused Catholic community. At the same time the architects have been in conversations with Fr Peter and Fr Josh on the requirements of the Catholic community which will be incorporated into the new school development. If you have recently moved into Aura we would love to make contact with you – please email us aura@bne.catholic.net.au
- The Parish has employed a new youth coordinator, Felicity Jones, to take over from the NET teams that were working in our Parish over the past two years. This is a joint venture with Unity College and is designed to build upon the solid foundation laid by the NET teams in connecting youth to faith and parish. A more detailed report will be provided at the next meeting of the OLR Evangelization & Pastoral Council.
- Following on from the successful Parish Mini Mission last year the Council was informed that Br Damien Price, a Christian Brother of the Oceania Province will be the retreat master for this year's mission. The mini mission will take the same format as last year's with a morning session at Caloundra (commencing at 9:30) and an afternoon session at Maleny (commencing at 4:30) – as well as two informal conversation sessions on Monday and Tuesday with Br Damien aimed at those who work during the day, commencing at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Parishioners from neighbouring Parishes have been invited.
- Members of the Council were given an update on the progress of the Caloundra Parish Centre redevelopment with the next stage to be completed being the reinstallation of a covered walkway from the school to the end of the Parish Centre/presbytery. Simultaneously, plans are being finalized and the necessary approvals being obtained to commence with the building of the covered area, which will link the church to the Parish Centre.
- The completion of the refurbishment of the Parish Centre and the construction of the covered area will be a major part of our celebrations to mark the Golden Anniversary of the formation of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in 1972. Members of the Council spent some time brain storming about other activities that could be undertaken to mark this milestone. To this end, a sub-committee was formed to coordinate celebrations in October, coinciding with our feast day, and the completion of a book to mark the 50 years. More information will be provided to the Parish over the next couple of weeks.
- A member of the Council tabled information regarding how individuals and our Parish Community can become better stewards of our natural resources. Attention was drawn to the installation of the solar panels on Our Lady of the Rosary church and the question was raised about other parish churches and the Parish school. The Old Testament clearly identifies the challenge for us to be good stewards of God's good creation.
- A summary unaudited report from the Parish Finance Committee was distributed to the members of the Council outlining the positive financial position of the Parish which is a tribute to the continued financial generosity of each member of the Parish.

The meeting concluded with prayer. The next meeting of the Our Lady of the Rosary Evangelization & Pastoral Council will be on Wednesday, 25th May 4pm.

Kingdom Youth Launch

A reminder that our Youth Launch is coming up on **FRIDAY 11 MARCH from 5pm-9pm at Unity College**. All Year 7-12 students welcome! Arcade games, ping pong, pizza, cotton candy, popcorn, slushies, raffle rego, and more. **Please register via the QR code**. All registered go in the running to win Apple AirPods! See you there!



Kingdom YA

Next Wednesday our young adult group is meeting again in the **OLR Parish Centre from 6pm** for another Testimony Night. These are designed to help us get to know one another more deeply and to show that we are not alone in our faith. Hear from one of our very own young adults about their experiences! Followed by some worship. All young adults welcome. \$5 for dinner. For more info please contact Felicity kingdomyouth@bne.catholic.net.au.

Sisterhood - Lenten Program

All ladies 18 – 35 are invited to join our Sisterhood Lenten Group meetings on Thursday at 5pm in the OLR Parish Centre throughout the duration of Lent. If you are interested in being a part of this group, it is \$10 to join. Snacks/treats and more offered each week. Please contact Felicity if you would like to be a part of this.

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.

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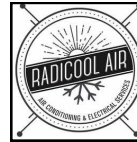


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